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Stuka Dive-Bombers Reported To Be Ready at Rhodes in Dodecanese

LONDON, MAR. 9 (REUTER).—THE BELIEF THAT GERMANY WILL ATTACK MACEDONIA AND WESTERN THRACE WITHIN 48 HOURS IS EXPRESSED BY SOME OBSERVERS, ACCORDING TO NEUTRAL REPORTS QUOTED BY THE ANKARA RADIO TO-NIGHT. OTHERS THINK THAT THE NAZIS MAY PREFER TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

"Greece," the announcer added, "has already evacuated the population of Thrace and has established a line of defence west of Salonika. It is thought that the German attack would start with an air raid on Salonika."

SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Truce Violation Alleged

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Mar. 9 (UP).—A Thailand High Command communique issued to-day revealed that the Japanese Government had been informed that French troops violated the Thai-Indo-China armistice agreement at three points on the frontier last Friday and Saturday, which, claimed the communique, threatened the success of the Tokyo mediation discussions.

It was stated that there were three clashes on the border as a result of which two Thai corporals and one policeman are missing.

The communique alleged that a French patrol fired 100 shots across the Mekong River near Si Chiangmai, (Cepang) and Veinachad, but there were no Thai casualties.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning French troops advanced to Banrakha near Chantaburi and opened fire against a Thai patrol, after which the Thai force returned the fire and forced the French to retreat.

Two hours later a French patrol, armed with light machine-guns, attacked Thai police guards at Samutprakan, a few miles northwest of Bangkok. Thai reinforcements were rushed to the scene, forcing the French to flee.

The communique added that the Thai High Command noted with deep regret the lack of discipline on the part of the French forces.

AID BRITAIN Bill Will Be Law On Wednesday

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Lease and Lend Bill, which was dramatically passed by the Senate on Saturday, is expected to become law by Wednesday at the latest.

The House of Representatives is likely to record its acceptance of the Senate amendments on Tuesday, after which the Bill will be immediately placed before the President for signature.

Meanwhile reports are current in the capital that a three-year programme of aid to Britain involving the expenditure of \$10,000,000,000, is being drafted as the immediate sequel to the Senate's approval of the Bill.

Washington Forecast

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—News of the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill came too late for editorial comment in most morning newspapers but radio commentators predicted immediate and effective action as soon as the President signs the Bill.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Journal-American" says: "President Roosevelt has prepared to speed aid to Britain by turning over \$1,000,000,000 worth of warships, freighters, aeroplanes, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies immediately after signing the Bill.

Emergency Basis

"Within a week, it is reported, he will ask Congress for \$5,000,000,000 in cash and \$5,000,000,000 in contractual authority for British aid. "He may issue a proclamation placing the nation on an emergency TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Spaniards Pay Attention To Lend and Lease Bill

MADRID, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The United States Senate's approval of the Lease and Lend Bill gets big headlines in to-day's Spanish newspapers.

Spaniards are now awaiting with interest to see whether there is any truth in the statements which had been given much publicity here earlier this year, that American help would come too late.

Also recalled is the categorical announcement by Goebbels to Spanish and other correspondents: "I affirm again that before the year is over Germany will finish the war. The attack on England will be carried

WAR CLOUDS OVER TURKEY

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 9 (UP).—War clouds loom large over Turkey as German troops occupy the Thracian border and reports declare that Nazi Stuka dive-bombers are based at Rhodes in the Dodecanese.

The Turkish Government steadily continues preparations for war, but it is noted that the Axis attitude is growing more correct.

A law regulating the use of public transport by eventual Allied forces on Turkish soil, which was to have been introduced in the National Assembly has been shelved, according to the newspaper "Tan", while the pro-British newspaper "Yenisabah" has been closed down for one day because of an article expressing contempt for the German army, which is contrary to Turkish press laws.

Well-informed diplomatic sources declare that the Turkish policy is not due to a weakening of the alliance with Britain, but to the fact that Turkey and Britain has agreed that it is in the interests of both countries to keep Turkey from war as long as possible, and it is expected this policy will be continued even if the Germans overrun Greece.

It is now understood that Dr. Necmettin Saka, the Turkish Premier, will make a public speech in the National Assembly on Wednesday afternoon and that M. Shokru Sarajoglu will deliver a secret speech at the People's Party meeting on Tuesday.

He says that the noise in the Balkans should not be allowed to divert attention from the German armoured troops in Libya and continues: "It is far from certain that the Balkan events really mean that the first step to attain a decision in the Eastern Mediterranean has been taken."

"Perhaps the German plan merely aims at misleading the necessary." He declares that the British troops in the Mediterranean are of a high quality and extremely mobile. Mobility is made possible by Admiral Cunningham's command of the sea. The writer declares that German designs on Suez cannot be attained by sea as she cannot seriously disturb this mastery by submarines and aircraft.

On land, the military writer concludes, the Germans may try to go by the Bosphorus, Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine, or they may try to push back the British from Cilicia.

The diplomatic representatives of Poland, Belgium and Holland left to-day and the majority of the nationals of all four countries have already left Bulgaria, the announcer added.

Black-out preparations in Sofia are so far advanced that they will probably be put into effect on Monday after the departure of Mr. Rendel.

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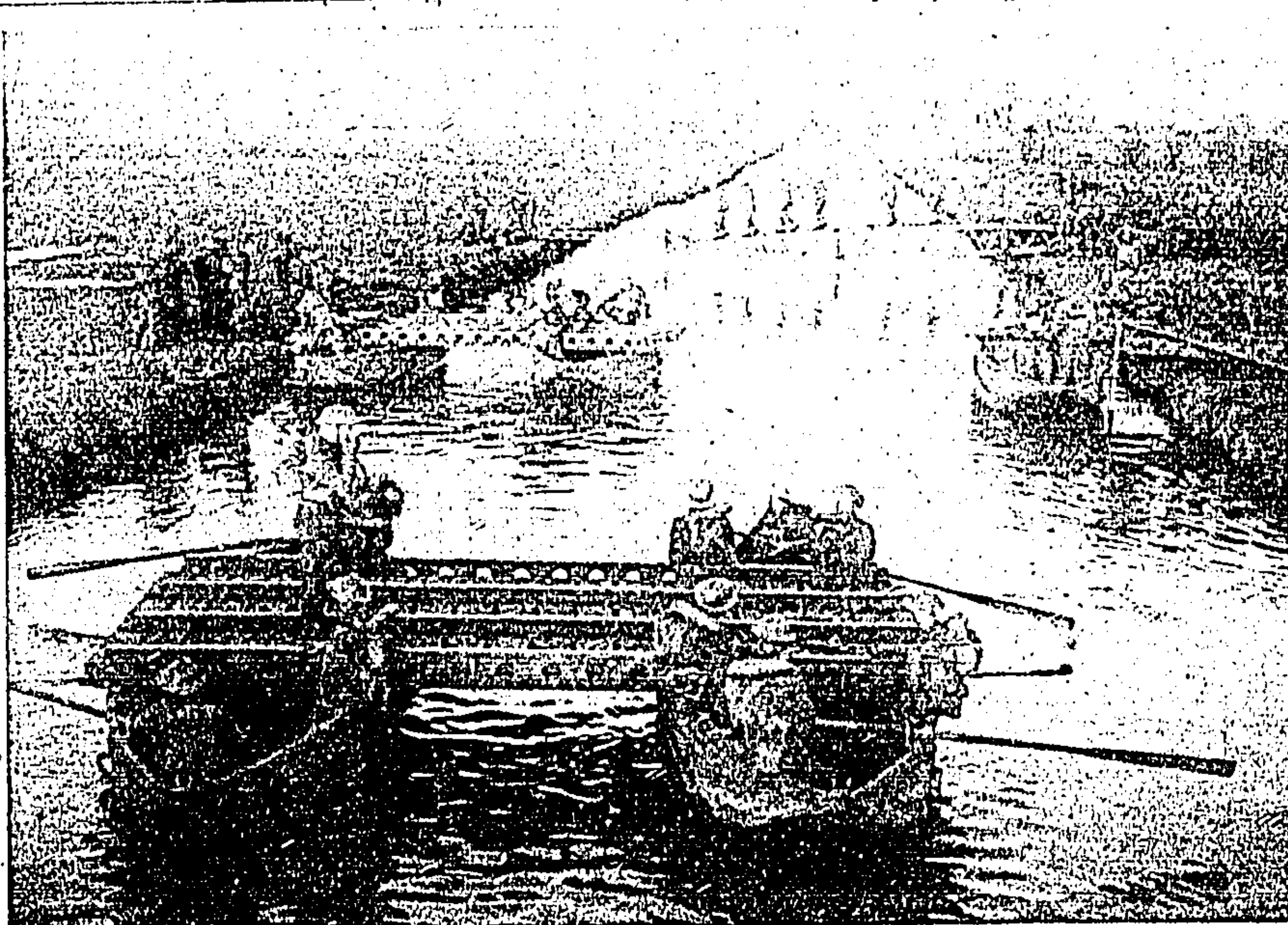
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When Britain Becomes Invader

British troops at home are constantly training for the day when they will invade German occupied territories across the Channel—the day that signals the final overthrow of Hitler. These two pictures illustrate this. In one Royal Engineers are rearing a section of a bridge into position, and in the other they are seen bringing up a section of a temporary bridge.



LUFTWAFFE OVER BRITAIN

—Few Raids

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Following the sharp German air attack on London last night, activity by the Luftwaffe over Britain in daylight to-day was on a small scale, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a few points in the south-east shortly after dawn and caused very little damage and no serious casualties.

Some damage was done by single aircraft which dropped bombs in eastern England in the afternoon. A few people were killed but the casualties were not numerous.

German aircraft are reported to have made a daylight sortie in formation on the south-east coast early in the day but appear to have dispersed and retired after meeting a terrific anti-aircraft barrage.

It was stated to-night that the R.A.F. destroyed 50 enemy planes last week over Britain, the Continent and the Middle East while losing 10 themselves.

Lost Over U.K.

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Nine German aircraft were lost over Britain during the week ended midnight on March 8-9; one on March 2, three on March 3, three on March 4 and two on March 8.

All, except one, were bombers. The British lost one fighter.

Nazi Black-Out

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Nazi radio to-night broadcast an urgent appeal to German householders to black-out their houses even more carefully than in the past.

They are further warned to keep water handy and have their dug-outs in readiness.

Britain Needs 100,000 Women for War Work

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, made momentous announcements in north England to-day.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne he appealed for 100,000 women for war work, mainly shell-filling, even before the registration of women for such work comes into force.

Provision would be made for looking after the children of married women workers through Government financial aid and day nursery centres.

Later at Newcastle, Mr. Bevin told a press conference that he was making another urgent appeal this week to men who had drifted during the depression to other industries to return to shipbuilding to take part in the Government's new drive for ships.

Finally at Ashington, Northumberland, Mr. Bevin, commenting on the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill, said that the overwhelming force of American aid would break down the spirit of aggression.

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Weygand Reports On Defences in Africa

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, Vice-Premier in the Vichy Government, to-day gave a luncheon in honour of General Weygand.

Admiral Darlan had just returned from Paris where he had been conducting conversations with the occupying authorities and General Weygand.

Describing the luncheon, the Toulouse radio states that General Huntziger, the War Minister, Admiral Platon, Minister for the Colonies, and General Bergeret, Chief of Vichy's Air Force, were present.

General Weygand is expected to leave Vichy for North Africa tomorrow, according to a Vichy dispatch to the official German news agency.

Defences Secure

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—"The defence of the French African Empire against any enemy has been made secure," states a communique issued after to-day's talks between Admiral Darlan and General Weygand at Vichy, says the Toulouse radio.

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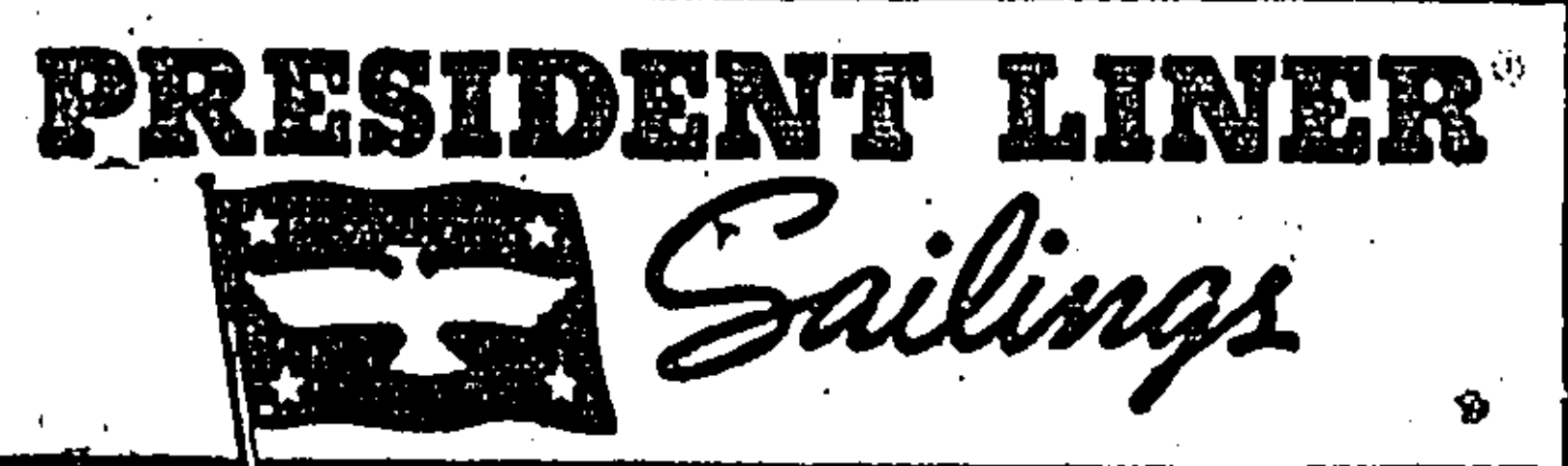
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A GREAT DECISION

TO Britain, China and Greece yesterday came the heartening news that the United States Senate, by a substantial majority, had passed the Lend and Lease Bill practically in its original form. Thus has been struck for Democracy in its fight against Totalitarianism, one of the greatest blows of the past decade. The United States has thrown down the gauntlet; henceforth Hitler and his junior partners know precisely what lies ahead of them—unstinted American aid in terms of money and materials for the Democracies.

In the course of his numerous "Fireside Talks" President Roosevelt has bluntly told Hitler and Co., that neither he nor the American people will be intimidated by threats that come from the Axis capitals. Now, Mr. Roosevelt and the peoples' representatives have gone further; they have thrown Hitler's threats back into his face and declared that they are prepared to go to almost any length to stop him from fulfilling his Machiavellian machinations.

The people of the United States have no illusions about the "Fuehrer's" vaunted "New Order". They know that if he found it practicable to attack the United States he would soon find a pretext, as in the case of the inoffensive small countries he has overrun. Moreover, the American people are now convinced that, however scrupulously neutral the United States might remain, that would not count in the balance if Hitler saw the U.S. as the only obstacle in his path to world dominion. The Lend and Lease Bill is the first measure of protection against such an eventuality.

The Bill is a piece of inspired statesmanship, no less valuable to-day than it will be in the difficult years after the war. For Great Britain and her friends it promises to solve a whole cluster of problems. Financial questions will not be permitted to impede the flow across the Atlantic of all the weapons that Britain needs for her victory and America's security. Yesterday's voting, which complemented the decision of the House of Representatives, proved that the commonsense and goodwill of the American people are behind that masterly conception.

RIDDLES OF 1941

THE question in the headline might be answered simply with a "yes." But to answer it adequately we must begin by defining what we mean by "the offensive."

No term connected with war has given rise to more misunderstanding, or to such perilous misinterpretation, as the usual military sense "the offensive" is a term applied, and restricted, to action which takes the form of advancing upon the enemy. This is a convenient, but not a precise description especially in modern conditions of war.

While it suited the days when men fought with swords and spears, it does not altogether fit warfare which is carried out with firearms and other long-range missiles.

A man, or a force, lying in a covered position may appear to have taken up a defensive attitude—yet his or its fire is operating offensively.

So is that of any faint or withdrawn which outflanks an opposing force to advance to a spot where it can be more effectively smitten by your fire, or more easily upset by a threat to its self-exposed flank. And this is one of the most profitable gambles of the art of generalship.

In the wider sense, the offensive may be said to embrace any form of action designed to gain the initiative—by operating against the enemy's will to continue the war.

Thus, naval blockade is an offensive in the economic sphere; and so is such supplies which the enemy might otherwise obtain.

For the same reason, air attack on his industrial plants is just as truly a form of the offensive as the bombing of his aerodromes or troop concentrations.

Where We Failed Last Winter All propaganda that is aimed to weaken the will of the enemy people, as distinct from stiffening the will of your own, likewise constitutes an offensive in the psychological sphere.

In all these ways we can certainly take the offensive in 1941—and in most of them with much greater force than hitherto.

While waiting for the time when we will be strong enough to take the offensive in the military field we badly failed to develop the offensive possibilities that were open to us in other spheres.

Indeed, the way that the leaders of France and Britain talked last winter of the victory they were going to win, when their strength had grown, was worse than failure.

It not merely exposed the weakness of their existing strength and prompted the enemy to forestall them, but tended to block the way for a psychological offensive.

To confine our idea of offensive action to that of direct military assault is an absurdly narrow conception. It shows a shallow understanding of modern warfare.

Too many of our leaders, like those of France earlier, are still living mentally in the last century.

The Craze For "Furious Assault" All propaganda for the prospect of a "furious assault" is a counter-offensive.

It is often suggested that the enemy's superiority of land force might be discounted by our attainment of air superiority.

But, apart from this being not yet shown in the case of the enemy's army last May, despite his great

power and virtue of the offensive in its "superficial form."

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Because a direct attack is obviously the most direct way to victory, instinctive pugnacity has the only way, regardless of whether the necessary conditions of success were assured—and thus it has too often proved the short cut to disaster.

The evidence of 1940, when analysed for 1941, provides little ground for the resuscitated belief that, on land, attack can be defence under anything like equal conditions.

The opening months saw the amazingly prolonged resistance of the Flims in face of a vastly stronger assailant. The impression and the lesson were obscured, however, by the shock of Hitler's victories in the West.

But few people pause to reflect that Hitler was careful to wait, before striking at France, until he had a 4-to-1 superiority in tanks and aircraft.

That was amply sufficient by any pre-war calculation to justify him in venturing an attack on the Maginot Line. Yet even then he did not take the risk.

Instead, by his threat to the Low Countries he lured the French out of their weaker defences along the Belgian frontier, and then, when they, together with the British forces, had advanced deep into Belgium, struck in behind them at the weakest point of their line.

What the French Premier described as "the incredible mistakes" of the French command—which were in the eyes of anyone who had observed their long and obstinate adherence to the methods of the last war—smoothed the path for the German's new technique of mechanised infiltration.

Originally been evolved by British experimenters more than ten years earlier.

It was bad enough that the enemy should have been allowed to outstrip the Allies in developing these new means of attack, but it was even worse that the much less exacting task of creating the appropriate counter-means.

While attack was beyond their strength there was all the more reason for providing the modern necessities of successful defence. And their neglect to do so was the inexcusable cause of the tragedy of 1940.

This has brought more evil in its train—but not without some compensation.

The more effective our bombardment has been, the bigger the obstacle we must have raised to our own ultimate military aims.

Perhaps it may be as well. For however many German divisions are dispersed in occupying the conquered countries, it would seem probable that the Germans could soon concentrate sufficient to outweigh heavily any force that we could land. We do not want further Dunkirks.

It is often suggested that the enemy's superiority of land force might be discounted by our attainment of air superiority.

But, apart from this being not yet shown in the case of the enemy's army last May, despite his great

power and virtue of the offensive in its "superficial form."

It has come to be regarded by public opinion in Britain and America as a universal solution for all war problems. This craze for "furious assault" is the craziest notion that has ever been born of unreasoning emotion.

Because a direct attack is obviously the most direct way to victory, instinctive pugnacity has the only way, regardless of whether the necessary conditions of success were assured—and thus it has too often proved the short cut to disaster.

superiority in both air and land strength, leaves a natural doubt about the value of such expectations.

In sum, our chance of invading the territory which Germany now occupies, and winning a military victory there, would seem to depend on the possible discovery of some revolutionary new weapon of paralyzing effect, or the creation of an army of radically new model.

And neither of these possibilities is likely to be realized in 1941.

Such a conclusion does not rule out the possibility of amphibious raids, and other strategic guerrilla operations.

In Africa And In The Air Outside this area, the prospect of our taking the offensive militarily this year may turn on whether some fresh move on the enemy's part gives us the opportunity of striking a blow at the enemy's local counter-offensive.

And in Africa, at least, the pure offensive would be increasingly practicable in proportion as Italian supplies dwindle and Italian morale declines.

The combination of a mechanized force on the one hand, and a definite foreknowledge of the dissolution of Mussolini's African empire on the other, would be a powerful factor in the light of experience hitherto.

In the light of experience hitherto, a mechanized force of two or three divisions, such as Germany and England in fundamental a far-eastern contest—however large its spreading effect—does not one or other can cross the water, or gain a definite mastery of the air.

For otherwise they can only scratch each other—until the cumulative effect of the scratches brings one of them to the point of collapse.

Swift Decision That's Real Victory As we are suffering more scratches than Germany, it is obvious that for some time we shall run the greater risk of exhaustion.

And if we succeed in prolonging the game of "scratch-as-scratch-can" until Germany's resources are so low that we shall be almost as exhausted.

Neither a good peace nor a quick recovery would be anticipated from such a condition.

Centuries of experience show that a victory obtained by a long-drawn-out struggle is apt to be almost as damaging to the victor as to the loser.

For a genuine victory the issue must be swiftly decided.

The delivery of the decisive stroke or threat may have to be prepared by a long series of manoeuvres, involving widespread skirmishing but no strategical worthy of the name should allow himself to be drawn into a dragging match or into a scratching match.

The only protracted type of offensive that can prove profitable is a psychological one.

This truth was evidently appreciated by Lenin when he said that the "most strategic strategy in war is to postpone operations until the moral disintegration of the enemy renders the delivery of the mortal blow both possible and easy."

It is all the more implied in his remark, years ago, that the military problem which interested him was "how to achieve the moral breakdown of the enemy before the war has started."

And his solution was shown in the "bloody campaign" against Austria and Czechoslovakia, and later in his actual campaigns in Scandinavia, the Low Countries and France.

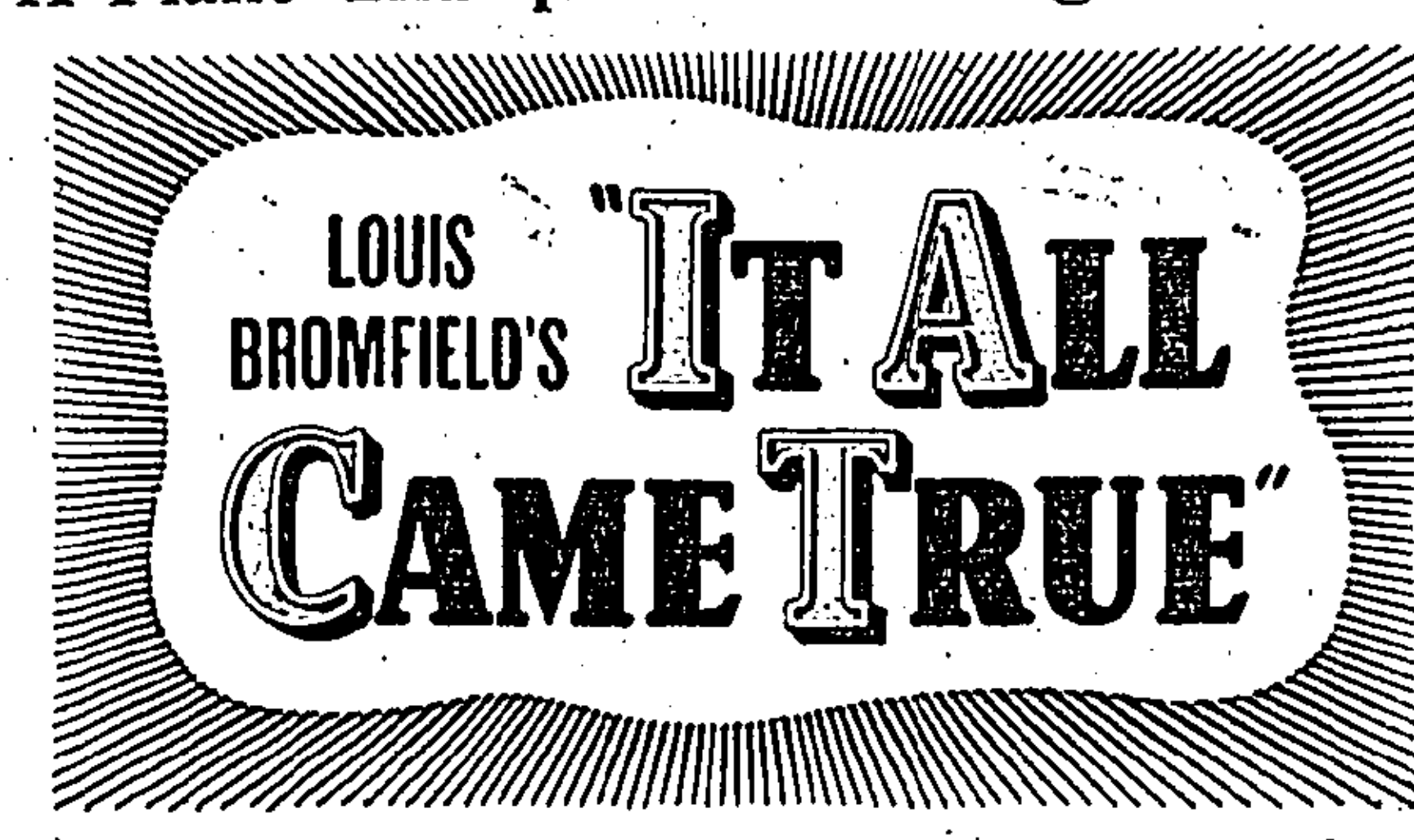
Only when he came directly up against the British was he baffled.

But it is important to realize that Hitler's grasp of the principle was originally based on his knowledge of the German people's psychological weaknesses.

Here's A New Field To Exploit Unfortunately, Britain's leaders have not yet shown an interest in the psychological opportunity offered.

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An Absorbing Tale of a Torch Singer, A Piano Thumper and a Gangster Boss



A Warner Bros. picture coming to Hongkong next week. The cast includes ANN SHERIDAN as Sal; JEFFREY LYNN as Tommy; HUMPHREY BOGART as Mr. Grasselli; SAZU PITTS as Miss Flint; JESSIE BUSLEY as Mrs. Taylor and UNA O'CONNOR as Maggie Ryan.

Serialized by HARRY LEE.

THE STORY THUS FAR: Miss Minnie left her brownstone house, its furnishings, and its four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan, the cook, and Norah Taylor, the maid. Neither has the heart to evict the old roomers. Maggie's beautiful, hard-boiled daughter, Sarah Jane, a singer of torch songs, comes home after losing her job and beating up the boss. Norah's son Tommy, who has been away for five years, has been playing the piano in a tough joint and carrying the gun for the big boss. The boss, when the place is raided, snatches the gun from Tommy, flings him a man, and practically forces Tommy to bring him to his mother's boarding house, as a hideaway. Sarah Jane reads of the raid and suspects the mysterious boarder. She loves Tommy but quarrels with him when they meet again.

CHAPTER 3.

THE clucking, hen-mother attentions of his two foolish old landladies, Maggie and Norah, made Mr. Grasselli want to throttle them. It was only when Roberts, the shady gent who pretended to be his doctor, brought word that the shooting affair was about to blow over, that his manner toward them became slightly more tolerant.

Tommy stoutly refused to give Sarah Jane any information about the strange Mr. Grasselli. So she decided to do some sleuthing on her own. She hid behind a curtain in the upper hall waiting for him to come from the bathroom. He emerged at last, hat drawn low. He must have sensed her presence for his hand went swiftly to his hip. When he saw that it was Sal he smiled grimly.

"What do you want?" he asked. "The mysterious Mr. Grasselli is none other than good old



Mr. Grasselli

Chips Maguire! I was kind of dumb not to guess it, wasn't I?"

"A snooty dame, ain't you?"

"I only wanted to know what Tommy had got mixed up with. I knew it was something that would get us all in trouble!"

"I suppose," he said, complying and holding a match for her that you'll go down Broadway?"

"Think I'm going around bragging that we're harbouring a fugitive from justice? But if I don't run you out, it's only because Ma and Mrs. Taylor need your rent pretty bad—how's Tommy mixed up with you?"

"Why don't you ask him?"

"I will!" She started from the room. "Aw, wait, Sal! Now that you know it's me, will you come in sometimes and chew the fat with me?"

"What were you doing in there?" he asked, roughly jerking her into her room. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself! You're a disgrace to the family!"

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India Calls In Dollars

Controls Aluminium

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has issued a notification calling on the owners of certain United States dollar securities to surrender them within a month from March 10 to the Reserve Bank, which will make payment when it is satisfied that the securities delivered are in an acceptable form.

Dividends received on such securities after March 10 will be the property of the Raj.

The Raj last July ordered the holders of dollar securities to supply particulars of their holdings to the Reserve Bank.

Allocating Stocks

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has assumed control of the sale and use in manufacture of the existing stocks of unmanufactured and semi-manufactured aluminium in order to ensure that they are utilised to the best advantage.

Holders of stocks are required to submit returns by March 31.

It will be recalled that aluminium was subjected to import control last January in order to reduce pressure on the demand on the world's supplies.

LETTERS

Electricity Charges

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—When the 52nd Ordinary General Meeting of the Gilt-edged Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. takes place on March 20, shareholders will generally commend the action of "By order of the Board of Directors" to increase the Company's standard charges for current consumed, effective March 21, as already advertised.

To the ordinary working class man, this announcement is willy-nilly accepted with a mere shrug of the shoulders. After all, why make a noise at all; it is going to cost the public only one cent more per unit. Strictly speaking, however, lighting is a daily necessity and as such, any increase in the lighting cost should rather come under a Controller too, notwithstanding the existence of any previous monopoly arrangement.

From all appearances, justification for the steps taken by the Company would seem to be lacking. Undeniably, the Company continue to earn excellent profits to such an extent that the Directors have found it possible to dish out frequent bonuses to shareholders, plus of course the regular interim and final dividends.

Wherefore, one might with reason ask, the further need to bleed consumers unnecessarily?

Permit me, please, to raise a voice of protest.

ELECTRICITY PRICING.

East Asia Sports Meet At Hsinking

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—Plans having fallen through for the East Asia Athletic Meet to be held in the Philippines, Manchukuo has decided to hold a Meeting at Hsinking in September to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of Manchukuo.

Invitations to send their representatives to the Meet are to be issued to Japan, China, the Philippines, the Inner Mongolian Federated Autonomous Government, Thailand, French Indo-China, the Netherlands East Indies, the Portuguese Island of Timor, the Hawaiian Islands and the South Sea Islands.

The events will include field and track, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, tennis, softball tennis, rugby, bicycle racing, table tennis, gymnastics, riding and aquatic contests.

Rugger Results

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—Following were the results of Rugby matches played yesterday:
Union—Gloucester 19, London 20; St Mary's Hospital 17, Aldershot Command 8; Wasps 3, Metropolitan Police 3; Bedford 10, Guy's Hospital 10; Gloucester 10, Birmingham University 10; Oxford University 10, Rosslyn Park 6; Western Super-Marines 10, Bath 7; Gloucester 10, Lancashire 9; Yorkshires 10, Rosslyn Park 3; Army XV 34; Middlesex Hospital 24; Gloucester 6.
League—Bath 2, Hull 11; Bramley 5, Bradford Northern 20; Castleford 3, Dewsbury 14; Huddersfield 9, Leeds 7; Hunslet 17, York 9; Keighley 11, Halifax 5; Wakefield Trinity 6, Featherstone 0.
Friendly—Oldham 30, Leigh 0.

Rome Issues Casualty List

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The latest casualty list issued by Italian Headquarters last night gives Italian losses in North Africa as 68 dead, 98 wounded and 12,230 missing.
The list states that on the Greek front the Italian losses were 2,386 dead, 4,841 wounded and 5,500 missing.

Keitel Gets Picture Of The Fuehrer

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—Hitler visited Field Marshal Wilhelm von Keitel, the German Chief of Staff, today to congratulate him on the completion of 40 years of service, according to the German news agency.
Hitler presented the Marshal with a photograph of himself.



Buried, He Guided His Rescuers

When a bomb demolished his London home (left) during a night raid Mr. Oakes was buried amid the debris. For three hours rescuers worked while he directed operations from his prison until he was released and given a refreshing drink—



—and carried away with only slight injuries.

COMMUNIST DEMANDS

Twenty-Four Items Submitted

Chungking, Mar. 9. In connection with the New Fourth Army Incident and the Communist issue generally, the Communist members of the People's Political Council have presented two sets of demands to the Government through the Council. It is officially stated here.

The first set, submitted by Mao Tse-tung and six other Communist members in the form of a communication to the Secretariat of the Council, consists of the following 12 demands:

1. Prohibit further provocation.
2. Revoke the Government order of January 17 disbanding the New Fourth Army.
3. Punish the responsible ring-leaders including Generals Ho Ying-chin, Ku Chu-tung and Shangkuan Yun-hsing.
4. Release General Yeh Ting and reinstate him as Commander of the New Fourth Army.
5. Return all the men and arms captured from the New Fourth Army.
6. Grant pensions to the wounded and the families of the killed of the New Fourth Army.
7. Withdraw the Government anti-Communist army in Central China.
8. Lift the blockade of the North-west.
9. Release all the patriotic political prisoners throughout the country.
10. Abolish the one-party rule and inaugurate democratic government.
11. Realise the Three People's Principles and carry out the will of the late Dr Sun Yat-sen.
12. Arrest all the pro-Japanese leaders and subject them to trial in accordance with national law.

The other set of demands was submitted to the Council by two Communist members in Chungking, Tung Pi-wu and Teng Ying-chao (Mrs Chou En-lai). The demands are:

1. Stop immediately military operations against the Communist throughout the country.
2. Relieve immediately all political pressure throughout the country, recognise the legal status of the Chinese Communist Party and other political groupings, release all persons arrested in Sian, Chungking, Kweiyang and other places, re-open all the book-stores sealed by the Government, and cancel the order forbidding the circulation of publications on the war of resistance.
3. Relieve immediately all the pressure upon the Sin Hua Jih Pao (Communist daily in Chungking).
4. Recognise the legal status of the Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsin Border District.
5. Recognise the anti-Japanese democratic regime in the enemy rear.
6. Maintain the status quo of the defence dispositions in North, Central and North-west China.
7. Organise another group army besides the present 18th Group Army. The two group armies shall have to gather six armies.
8. Release Yeh Ting and reinstate him in his original post.
9. Release all the officers and men arrested in southern Anhwei and appropriate funds for the relief of the families of the persons killed there.
10. Return all the men and arms captured in southern Anhwei.
11. Create a United All-Parties Committee, composed of a member from each party. The Kuomintang delegate is to be the Chairman and the Chinese Communist Party delegate Vice-Chairman.
12. The Chinese Communist delegates to the People's Council to be made member to the Presidium.—Central News.

"All Out" History Traced To 1300

In a learned poll of lexicographers, the New York Times has run down the sources of to-day's battle cry of democracy, the words "all out."
In 1300 Thomas a Becket spelled it "alout." Chaucer offered the "alle oute" variation.
So through the ages until conductors and umpires bellowed the same phrase. Now it means aid to Britain.

CHIEF CENSOR PAYS VISIT Now In Hospital

The Inspector-General of Censors, London, Brigadier Charles Newenham French, C.M.G., C.B.E., who arrived in the Colony recently to confer with Mr. D. J. Stott, Chief Censor, Hongkong, and Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, has been in the Bowen Road Military Hospital since he disembarked here.

Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Shackleton, R.A.M.C., said yesterday that Brigadier French is suffering from a cold. Brigadier French, who prior to his retirement from the Army in 1924 held many high staff appointments has had a brilliant career. Among the numerous honours conferred upon him are those of Officer of the Legion of Honour (France), St Michael and Lazarus (Italy), Crown of Belgium and Commander of St Stanislaus (Russia).

The Inspector General of Censors is 68 years of age and is the second surviving son of the late Mr. S. French, D.L., of Cuskinny, Queenstown, County Cork, and is a bachelor.

He was educated at Clifton College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He joined the 2nd Hampshire Regiment in 1905 and later passed through the Staff College. He was a Director of the Chatterhouse Investment Trust, Ltd. and Cairns Wear, Ltd. He is the author of "A Countryman's Day Book," which was published in 1929.

U.S. Inventor Passes

Held 800 Patents

Carleton Ellis, who died in Montclair, New Jersey, recently, was an inventor whose 800 patents reputedly made him holder of the third largest number of patents in the history of the United States Patent Office.

The late Thomas A. Edison, with more than 1,000 patents, and John O'Connor, a natural scientist with a few less than Edison, were the only men who owned more patents than Mr. Ellis.

One of Mr. Ellis' inventions was a substance to fireproof warplanes against incendiary bullets, and another was a soap which left no ring around the bathtub. Many of his inventions were connected with paint products. His chemical experiments resulted in production of more than 100,000 new compounds.

A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Ellis said he got his ideas for inventions by two methods. Either he discerned a "need for something" and tried to fill that need; or he ran across something in the course of experiments that "seemed interesting."

Sufficient Blood Now Collected For Britain

The collection of blood plasma for Britain was discontinued in America on February 1 because a sufficient bank for the Empire's needs has been established, mainly by 17,000 donors in New York.

The U.S. Red Cross announced at the same time that a U.S. bank would be collected as a reservoir for the Army and Navy, and to meet demands of national disasters.

British Air Services Carry On

British civil aircraft in 1940 flew five million miles and carried, besides passengers and freight, nearly 30 million air mail letters. Even in mid-winter, with severe weather added to the already considerable hazards of wartime flying, approximately 100,000 miles are being covered each week, reports British Airways.

Throughout 1940 contacts with Europe were regularly maintained despite the German over-running of the Continent. On the Lisbon service recently 400 passengers were carried in a month, as well as much mail and freight.

The Truth—As Freight!

During the summer and autumn, the Trans-Atlantic flights of "Clare" and "Clyde," which started at the height of the invasion crisis and were completed after ten crossings without incident or interruption, helped greatly to persuade the American people that Britain was strong and confident in the air, and that German claims of an aerial blockade were false. Special arrangements were made by British Airways to ensure that on each flight the latest editions of English daily newspapers were carried. These were read, analysed and even photographed in facsimile every time they arrived on the other side.

Passengers were carried across the Atlantic on British flying boats for the first time. They were fifty in number, all of them men at the centre of the war effort in Great Britain, Canada and the United States. The value of civil aircraft as an instrument of propaganda is underlined when it is remembered that since Italy entered the war and France sought an armistice, aircraft belonging to British Airways or under charter to it, have served 34 countries. Of that number 14 were neutral and therefore closed to military machines.

Allies In The Air

The tale of British civil aviation in 1940 is not complete without the chapter written by the Allies. In close co-operation with British Airways, Dutch planes, from the fleet of K.L.M., are supplementing our flying boats which go to Lisbon, and in Africa, S.A.B.E.N.A., the Belgian national air company is flying between the West Coast and Egypt by way of the Belgian Congo. The airways, not only the British Empire, but of the Free Empires, are still open.

Bombs Cause Damage To BBC's Home

Hit twice by bombs, Broadcasting House, headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corp. in central London, has been severely damaged and an undisclosed number of men and women on the BBC staff have been killed in recent Nazi air raids. It was made known by British officials recently.

Although both bombings occurred at the peak of the night broadcasting periods, service at home and abroad continued uninterrupted.

The first bomb killed several BBC workers. It exploded just as two announcers were reading news bulletins, one in English and the other in German for Nazi consumption. Both continued reading, as though nothing had happened.

The second bombing, in which a policeman was killed and some members of the BBC staff were wounded, caused major damage to the enormous, nine-story edifice, a landmark and an excellent target for bombers.

Listeners to one broadcast heard some confusion in the background because of the bomb blast, but the announcer, after a momentary pause, went right ahead. The only sign of his emotion was a speeding up in the reading of his script.

The reason the bombings didn't interfere with BBC broadcasting may be ascribed to the fact that British announcers, as well as American correspondents in London, broadcast from "bomb-proof" shelters in the basement of the building. The British have also taken care to spread their transmitters.

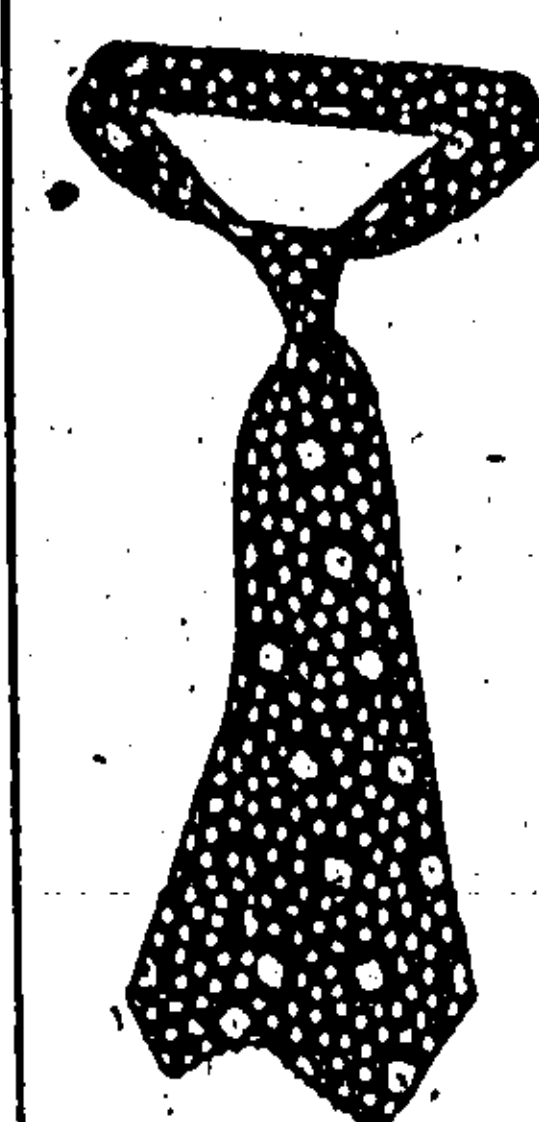
This is not the first time Broadcasting House has been hit by bombs. Several months ago a medium-sized time bomb exploded six or seven floors up, but did little damage.

Bombs are more merciful than poverty or disease, says the Rev. A. W. C. Duffield, vicar of St John the Baptist, Chester, in his parish magazine.

"We are rightly shocked by the thought of 14,000 English folk bombed to death in their homes, but the idea of many times that number dying in their homes from malnutrition, tuberculosis and other poverty diseases leaves us thoroughly cold."

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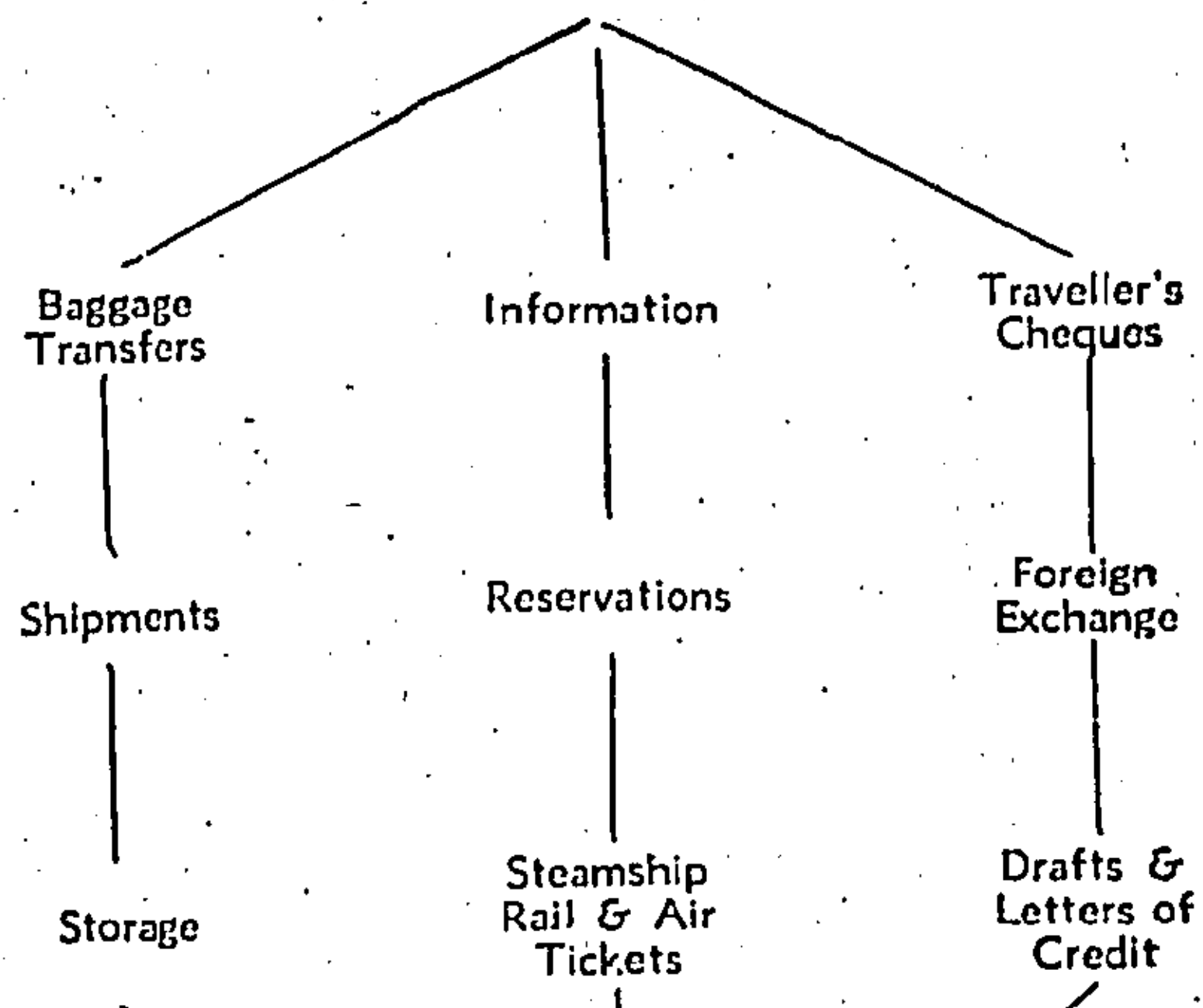
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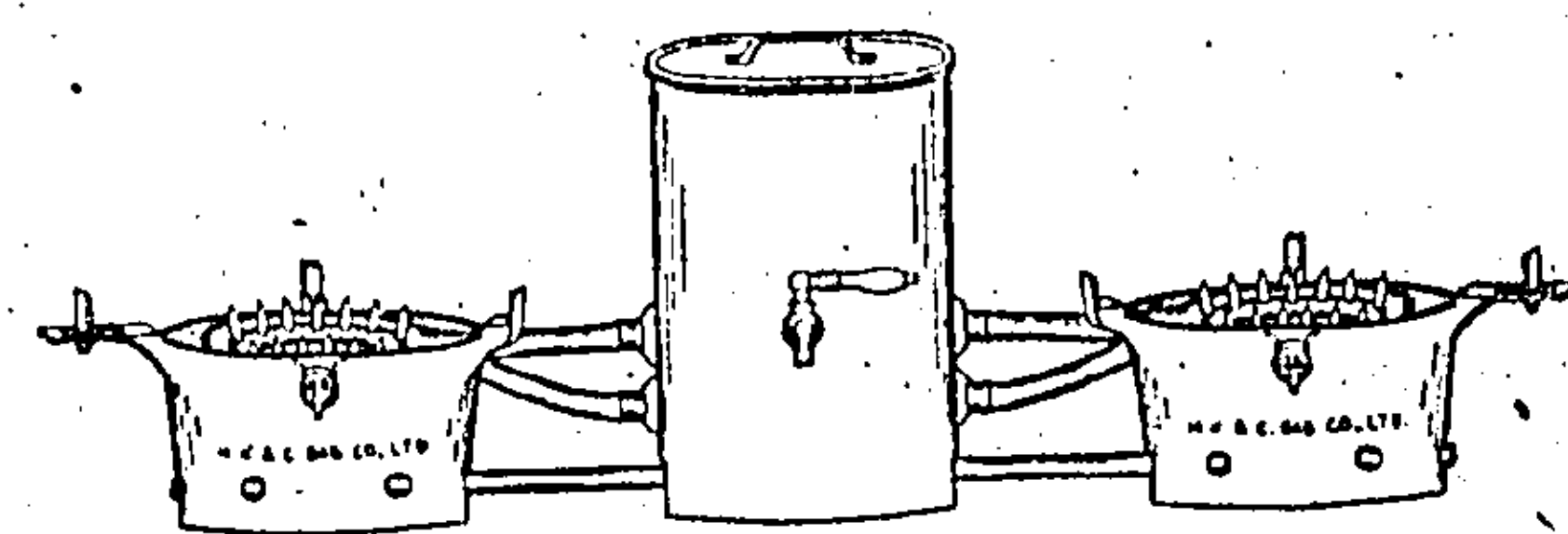
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American Naval Appointments

Washington, Mar. 8. The Department of the Navy today announced 240 changes of duty, including a shake-up of the high commands of the Marine Corps in China, the Philippines and Guam, and changes of duty for 18 high-ranking Naval officers.

Colonel Samuel Howard, from San Diego, has been ordered to command the Fourth Marines at Shanghai, succeeding Colonel Dewitt Peck, who

has been given duty in the Department of the Navy.

Lieut.-Colonel John P. Amams is to command the Marine Corps at Cavite in the Philippines, succeeding Lieut.-Colonel Robert M. Montague, who has been appointed to the Central Recruiting Division at Chicago.

Colonel Allen H. Turnage, Commander of the United States Marines in North China, with headquarters at Peiping, has been ordered to Naval Headquarters at Washington. His successor has not been announced. United Press.

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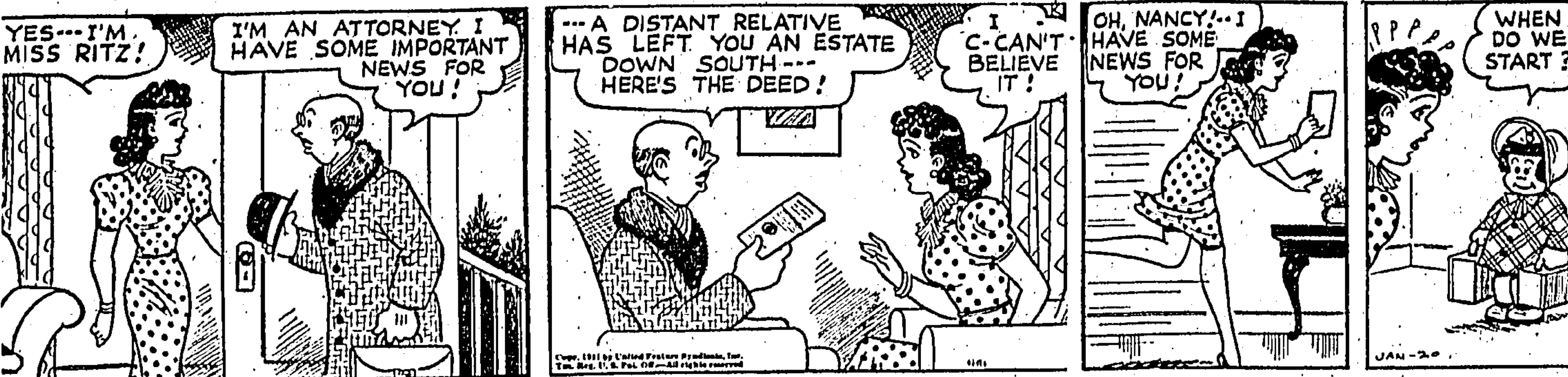
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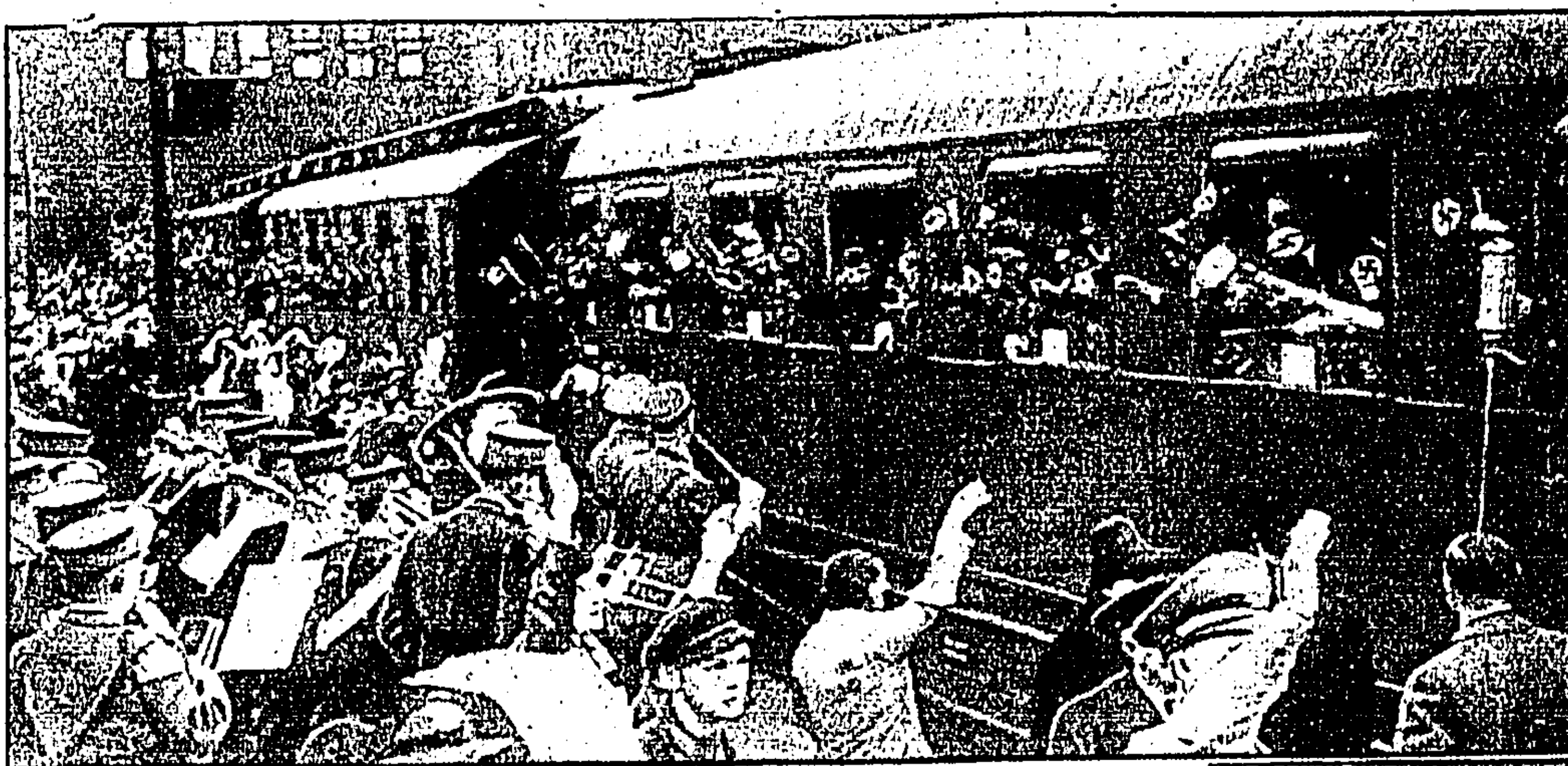
Another New Zealand Naval Triumph

London, Mar. 9. The career of an Italian commerce raider in the Indian Ocean has come to a sudden end and her crew are now prisoners of war, taken by a New Zealand cruiser. The story is told in an Admiralty communiqué issued this morning, which states:—"A fast Italian merchantship, which was armed with four 4.7 in. guns and was acting as a commerce raider, has been caught in the Indian Ocean by the Leander (Capt R. H. Bevan), a cruiser of the New Zealand squadron. "The Italian ship was the Ramb I, 3,607 tons, 18½ knots speed, and was owned by the Italian Government. She was flying the Red Ensign when intercepted by H.M.S. Leander. "On being ordered to stop the Ramb I hoisted Italian colours and opened fire on the Leander with the guns mounted on the fore-castle and poop. The Leander at once replied and she had fired five salvoes when the Ramb I struck her flag. "Eleven officers and 89 men were picked up by the Leander and are prisoners of war. Among those picked up were five wounded. The Ramb I burned fiercely and sank about 15 minutes later. No damage or casualties were suffered by the Leander."—Reuter.

The examination of witnesses by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be conducted in public at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretary's Office, on Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m.

BERLIN EVACUATION: FIRST PICTURES

THIS PICTURE, issued by the German Propaganda Ministry, shows an evacuee train filled with children leaving Berlin. A military band was playing on the platform and children were provided with Nazi flags to wave as the train steamed out of the station.



Proceeds Of Bridge And Ma-Jong Drive

The Hongkong Women's International Club have issued the following statement of accounts regarding the Bridge and Ma-jong Drive held at the Club's premises on March 7, proceeds of which were in aid of the Bomber Fund:

Receipts.—Admissions, \$101; donations, \$258; sale of coupons at 50 cents each, \$250; half proceeds of sweets and cigarettes, \$40; sale of cake tickets, \$27.30; sale of tomatoes \$15; sale of cakes \$23.50; "Lucky Dip", \$92.00; Mrs. Eidon Potter's winning \$4. Total H.K.\$900.86.

CAESARIAN BIRTH FOR SHARKS

Florida fishermen, gathering sharks for tanneries, have discovered that the unborn young, delivered by Caesarian operation, are a good by-product of the fishing industry. The young are kept alive and sold to aquariums.

As regards sweets and cigarettes, half proceeds go to "All Souls" (London) Comfort Fund, as gifts were solicited by Mrs. Turner.

Mrs. Turner's "All Souls" (London) Comfort Fund was entirely separate from the Bomber Fund, and prizes for coupons sold for this fund were provided by her. The sale of coupons and donations realised H.K.\$504.70 at exchange 1s. 2½d. equivalent to £235.

No More Reports On Weather

The Hongkong Royal Observatory ceased issuing daily weather reports as from yesterday. Until further notice, such data will not be published for general information, through the press, radio or other channels, said Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Director of the Observatory.

The last weather report issued by the Observatory was at 4 p.m. on Saturday. No explanation was given as to why this information has been stopped, except that it was "on orders." There is no indication what provision will be made in the typhoon season. The suspension is in accordance with precautions taken in Britain and elsewhere.



A BERLIN GIRL waving her mother before she left on the evacuee train

IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES BEING FORGED

Steps have and are being taken by the Immigration Department to combat the circulation of forged immigration certificates which have been detected not only in Hongkong but also in Macao. It is learned that recently at least 10 persons were arrested in Macao.

Interviewed, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, said that the forgeries were, on the whole, well done and only by careful examination with the original could anyone detect them.

"The printers whom I have consulted are of the opinion that the forgery is done by photography. People who are found in possession of false permits cannot be regarded as entirely blameless, because it is common sense that the permits cannot be procured, as these were procured, in half an hour, by sending a hotel boy to buy them."

"Statements have already been made in the vernacular Press in Hongkong and Macao warning the public against accepting permits except after application made in writing through our own offices or through recognised agents, a list of whom has been published."

Mr. Forrest said that immediately after discovery of the forgeries, steps were taken to check circulation. "It is hoped that by the end of this week all certificates issued will have a new anti-forgery device," he concluded.

Light Charges Increase

The China Light and Power Company notifies that charges for electricity are being raised by 10%.

The increase is to operate from March 17, in the form of a surcharge on accounts; but will actually be imposed on meter readings from April 24.

The existing scale of discounts is to remain in force. Recently the Hongkong Electric Company notified increases for the Island of about 7%.

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Amoy University Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Amoy University was held in the Cafe Windsor yesterday. It was well attended. Mr. Lai Man-ching presided.

Mr. Lai, in his address, reported that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Lin Sen, President of Free China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and to all generals and soldiers at the front paying the respects of the Association.

A telegram had also been sent, he said, to Mr. Tan Kah-kee, founder of Amoy University, and Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Relief Association, urging him to retain the Chairmanship.

Mr. Lai also told the gathering that he had sent a message to Mr. Tan, giving him every support in his efforts to persuade the Ministry of Education to establish the proposed Overseas Chinese Teachers' Training College in either Fukien or Kwangtung Provinces, as the majority of Chinese overseas came from these provinces.

The meeting endorsed Mr. Lai's remarks, and several members spoke in support of Mr. Lai's appeal to Mr. Tan to retain his post.

Mr. Christito P. J. Chen presented a brief report on the Alumni's activities during the past year. The occasion was also taken to have the annual dinner.

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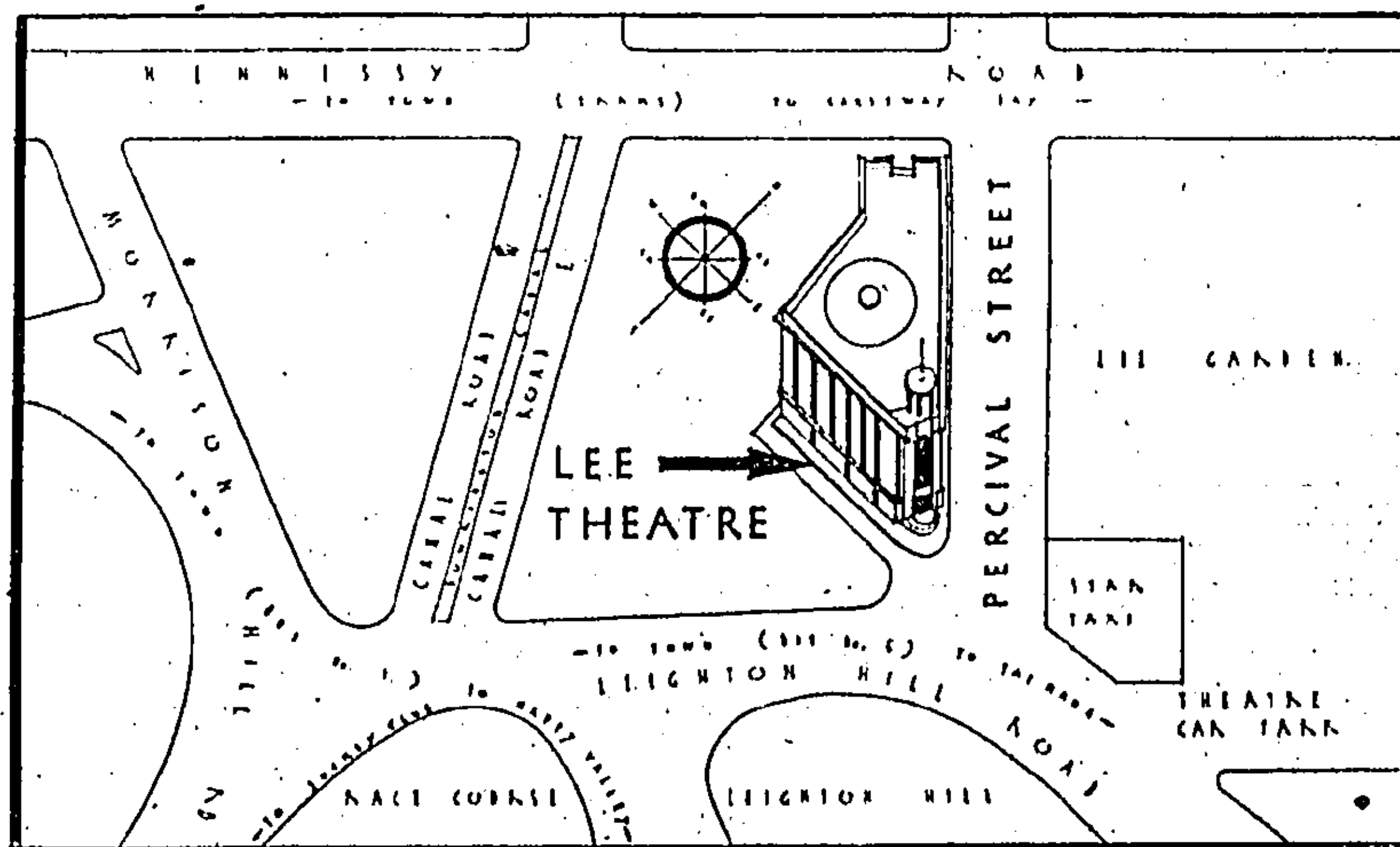
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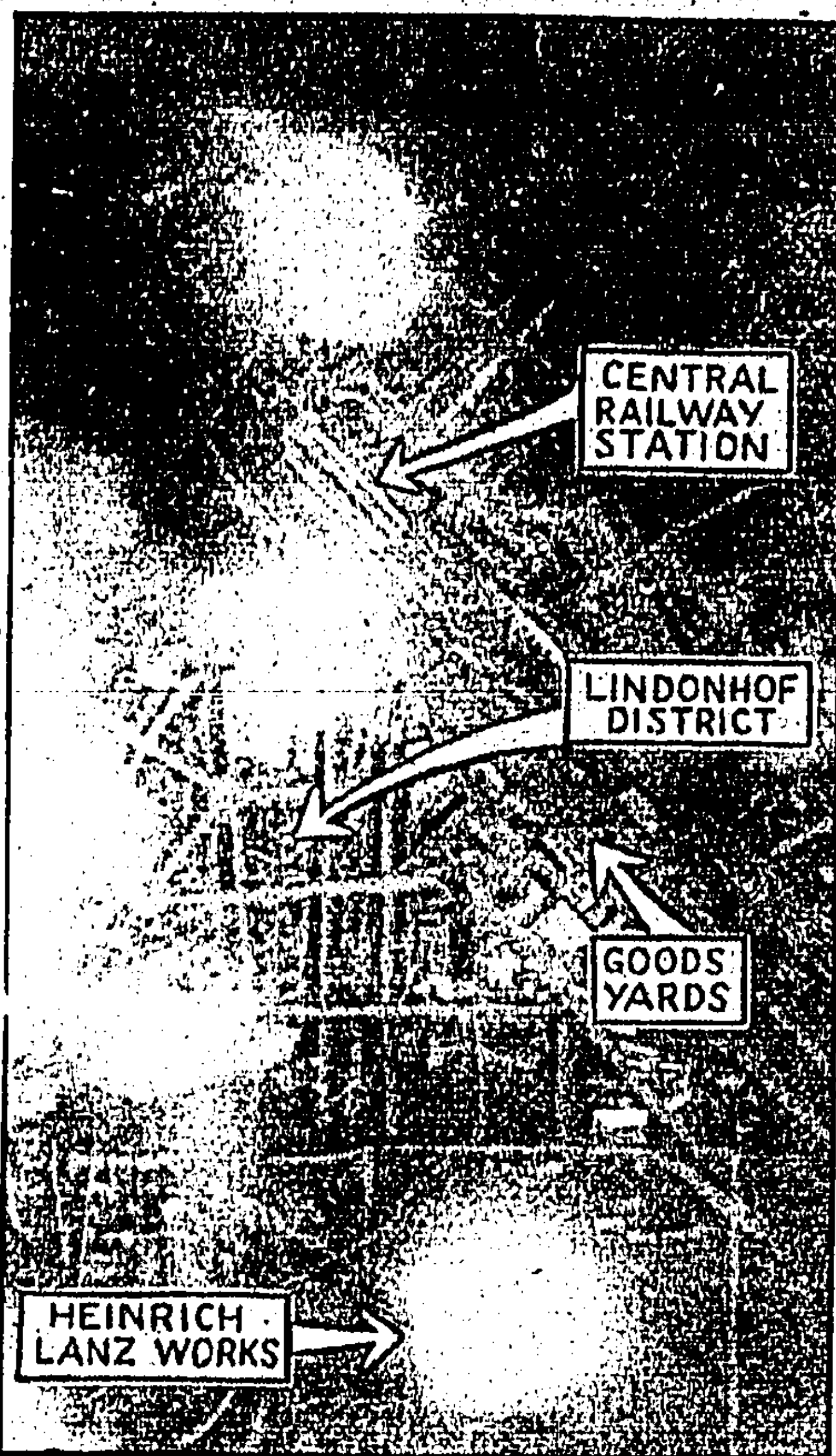
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THIS REMARKABLE night picture taken by the R.A.F. during the earlier part of the attack on Mannheim, recently, bears out conclusively the official communique announcing the raid, despite the Nazi attempts to minimise its success. Extensive fires are seen near the central railway station in the

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The advance has been brought about by filter mats which sterilise and clarify the blood, preventing bacterial contamination and consequent decay.

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Chinese Army Telephones

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AID BRITAIN

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basis as a step to speed up production for both national and British defence. "It is authoritatively reported that the request for additional funds for British aid will be over and above the \$28,000,000,000 of the national defence programme."

Aid For Greece

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Greeks are looking "with confidence to the administrative speed for which American executives are rightly famed," said the announcer on the Athens radio to-night, commenting on the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill in the United States Senate on Saturday.

He added: "We are sure that effective material help for Greece in her struggle will immediately be forthcoming."

Joe Penner, Radio Comic, Is Dead

Joe Penner, whose gag "Wanna buy a duck?" endeared him to the hearts of American radio audiences, is dead. The 38-year old comedian died in his sleep in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Philadelphia, where he was appearing in the musical comedy "Yodel Boy."

Seven years ago Rudy Vallee invited Penner to broadcast as a guest artist on the radio. It was Penner's chance and he made the most of it.

This initial appearance on the air was a turning point in his career. His two favourite gags, "Wanna buy a duck?" and "You nasty man!" became national by words.

Joe Penner was born on Nov. 11, 1904 in a small town near Budapest, Hungary. His name was Josef Pinter.

LATE NEWS

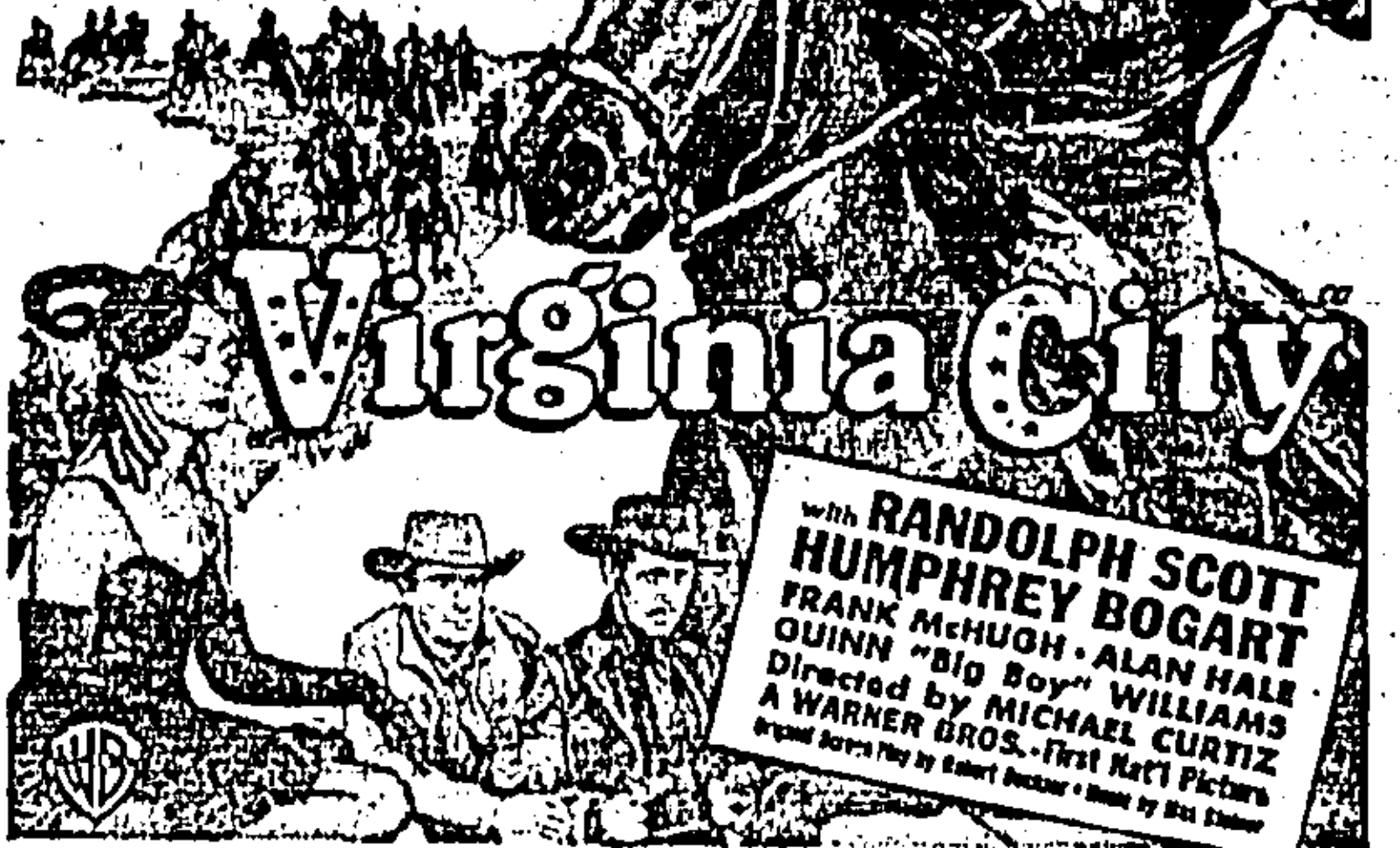
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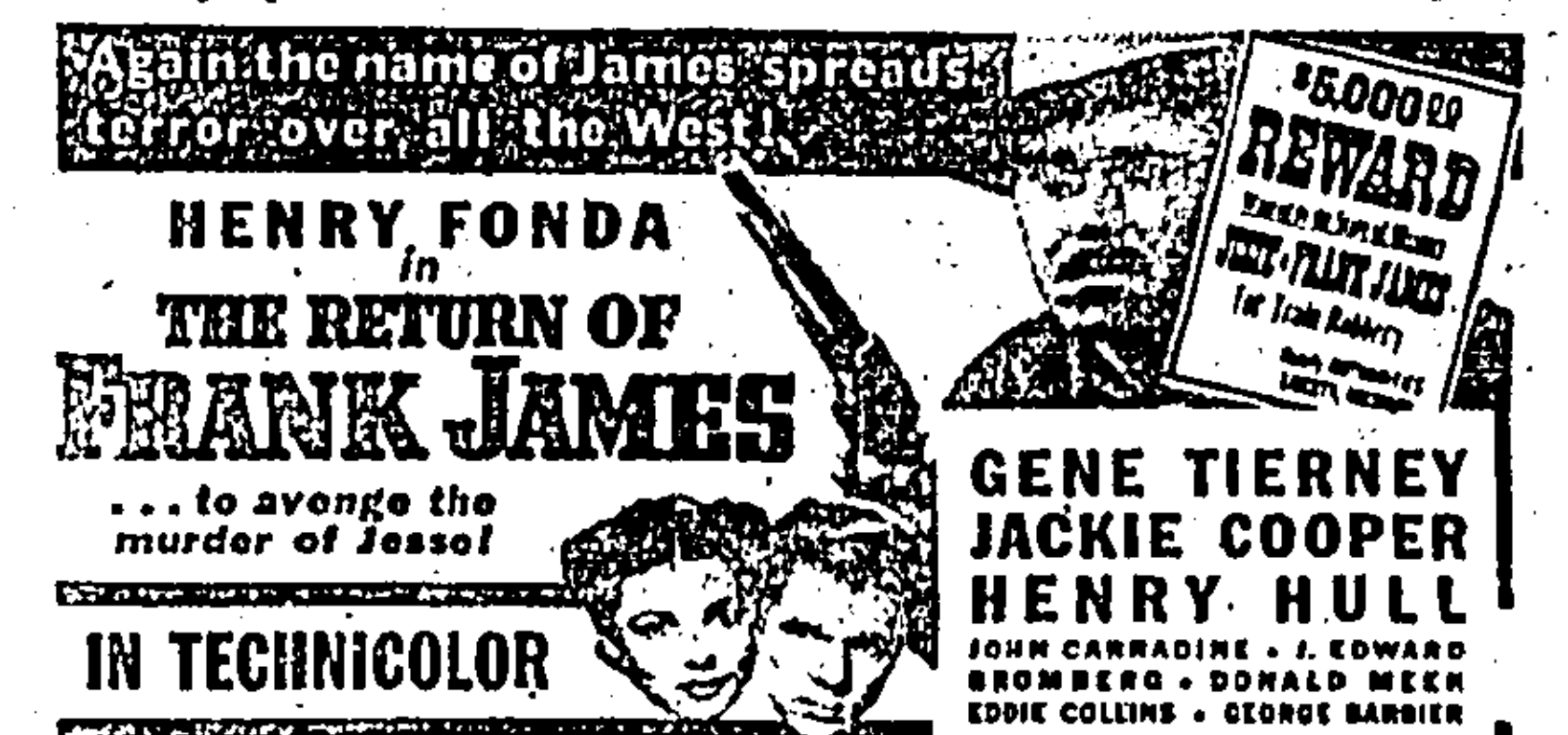
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LONDON, MAR. 9 (REUTER).—THE BELIEF THAT GERMANY WILL ATTACK MACEDONIA AND WESTERN THRACE WITHIN 48 HOURS IS EXPRESSED BY SOME OBSERVERS, ACCORDING TO NEUTRAL REPORTS QUOTED BY THE ANKARA RADIO TO-NIGHT. OTHERS THINK THAT THE NAZIS MAY PREFER TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE.

"Greece," the announcer added, "has already evacuated the population of Thrace and has established a line of defence west of Salonika. It is thought that the German attack would start with an air raid on Salonika."

SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Truce Violation Alleged

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Mar. 9 (UP).—A Thailand High Command communique issued to-day revealed that the Japanese Government had been informed that French troops violated the Thai-Indo-China armistice agreement at three points on the frontier last Friday and Saturday, which, claimed the communique, threatened the success of the Tokyo mediation discussions.

It was stated that there were three clashes on the border as a result of which two Thai corporals and one policeman are missing.

The communique alleged that a French patrol fired 100 shots across the Mekong river near Sielengmai, Goposin and Veinichadra, but there were no Thai casualties.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning French troops advanced to Banrakha near Chantaburi and opened fire against a Thai patrol, after which the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

AID BRITAIN Bill Will Be Law On Wednesday

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Lease and Lend Bill, which was dramatically passed by the Senate on Saturday, is expected to become law by Wednesday at the latest.

The House of Representatives is likely to record its acceptance of the Senate amendments on Tuesday, after which the Bill will be immediately placed before the President for signature.

Meanwhile reports are current in the capital that a three-year programme of aid for Britain, involving the stupendous sum of \$10,000,000,000, is being drafted as the immediate sequel to the Senate's approval of the Bill.

Washington Forecast

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—News of the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill came too late for editorial comment in most morning newspapers but radio commentators predicted immediate and effective action as soon as the President signs the Bill.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Journal-American" says: "President Roosevelt has prepared to speed aid to Britain by turning over \$1,000,000,000 worth of warships, freighters, aeroplanes, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies immediately after signing the Bill."

Emergency Basis

"Within a week, it is reported, he will ask Congress for \$5,000,000,000 in cash and \$5,000,000,000 in contractual authority for British aid. "He may issue a proclamation placing the nation on an emergency basis."

Spaniards Pay Attention To Lend and Lease Bill

MADRID, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The United States Senate's approval of the Lease and Lend Bill gets big headlines in today's Spanish newspapers.

Spaniards are now awaiting with interest to see whether there is any truth in the statements which had been given much publicity here earlier this year, that American help would come too late.

Also recalled is the categorical announcement by Goebbels to Spanish and other correspondents: "I affirm again that before the year is over Germany will finish the war."

The attack on England will be carried out in the form of a surprise attack on the Spanish coast.

WAR CLOUDS OVER TURKEY

Special to the "Telegraph"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 9 (UP).—War clouds loom large over Turkey as German troops occupy the Thracian border and reports declare that Nazi Stuka dive-bombers are based at Rhodes in the Dodecanese.

The Turkish Government steadily continues preparations for war, but it is noted that the Axis attitude is growing more correct.

A law regulating the use of public transport by eventual Allied forces on Turkish soil, which was to have been introduced in the National Assembly has been shelved, according to the newspaper "Tan", while the pro-British newspaper "Yenisabah" has been closed down for one day because of an article expressing contempt for the German army, which is contrary to Turkish press laws.

BALKAN FEINT SUSPECTED Watch N. Africa

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The unusual suggestion that Germany's activity in Bulgaria may be a feint to distract Britain's attention from Africa is made by the military expert of Stockholm's "Tidningen."

He says that the noise in the Balkans should not be allowed to divert attention from the German armoured troops in Libya and continues: "It is far from certain that the Balkan events really mean that the first step to attain a decision in the Eastern Mediterranean has been taken."

"Perhaps the German plan merely aims at misleading the adversary," he declares that the British troops in the Mediterranean are of a high quality and extremely mobile. Mobility is made possible by Admiral Cunningham's command of the sea.

The writer declares that German designs on Suez cannot be attained by sea as she cannot seriously disturb this mastery by submarines and aircraft.

On land, the military writer concludes, the Germans may try to go by the Bosphorus, Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine, or they may try to push back the British from Cilicia.

British Blockade

Will Not Be Relaxed

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Rejecting Mr Herbert Hoover's proposed soup-kitchen experiment in Belgium, the British Embassy to-day released a statement saying:

"The British Government is satisfied that relief of the countries in enemy occupation, whatever the conditions might be, would postpone the day of victory."

The British Government, the statement adds, felt obliged "to re-affirm their determination not to permit the blockade to be weakened or undermined by the admission of supplies from overseas into any territory under enemy control."

It would be "false humanitarianism," the statement says. Mr Hoover issued a reply simultaneously re-emphasizing his sympathy for the British cause but declaring that the food situation in the occupied countries is "far worse than the British statement would seem to indicate." He felt that it was "no false humanity which will save the lives of countless children."

Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Mr George W. Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, and the Legation staff, are leaving Sofia for Istanbul by special plane to-morrow, according to an official Yugo-Slav news agency.

The diplomatic representatives of Poland, Belgium and Holland left to-day and the majority of the nationals of all four countries have already left Bulgaria, the announcer added.

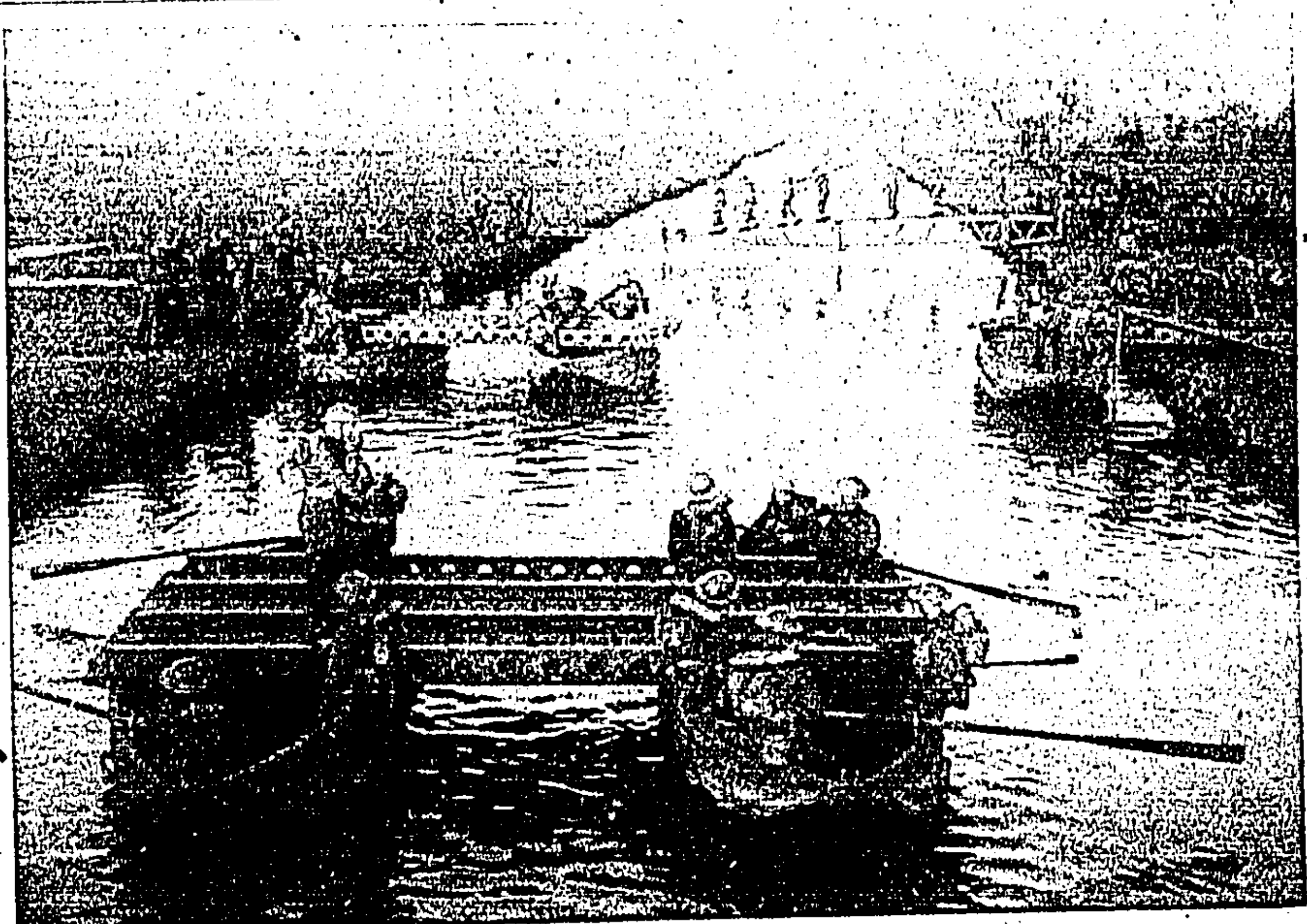
Black-out preparations in Sofia are so far advanced that they will probably be put into effect on Monday after the departure of Mr Rendel.

LATEST

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Further Late News

When Britain Becomes Invader

British troops at Home are constantly training for the day when they will invade German occupied territories across the Channel—the day that signals the final overthrow of Hitler. These two pictures illustrate this. In one Royal Engineers are rowing a section of a bridge into position, and in the other they are seen bringing up a section of a temporary bridge.



LUFTWAFFE OVER BRITAIN

—Few Raids

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Following the sharp German air attack on London last night, activity by the Luftwaffe over Britain in daylight to-day was on a small scale, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a few points in the south-east shortly after dawn and caused very little damage and no serious casualties.

Some damage was done by single aircraft which dropped bombs in eastern England in the afternoon. A few people were killed but the casualties were not numerous.

German aircraft are reported to have made a daylight sortie in formation on the south-east coast early in the day but appear to have dispersed and retired after meeting a terrific anti-aircraft barrage.

It was stated to-night that the R.A.F. destroyed 50 enemy planes last week over Britain, the Continent and the Middle East while losing 10 themselves.

Lost Over U.K.

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Nine German aircraft were lost over Britain during the week ended mid-night on March 8-9; one on March 2, three on March 3, three on March 4 and two on March 8.

All, except one, were bombers. The British lost one fighter.

Nazi Black-Out

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Nazi radio to-night broadcast an urgent appeal to German householders to black-out their houses even more carefully than in the past.

They are further warned to keep water handy and have their dug-outs in readiness.

Britain Needs 100,000 Women for War Work

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, made momentous announcements in north England to-day.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne he appealed for 100,000 women for war work, mainly shell-filling, even before the registration of women for such work comes into force.

Provision would be made for looking after the children of married women workers through Government financial aid and day nursery centres.

Later at Newcastle, Mr Bevin told a press conference that he was making another urgent appeal this week to men who had drifted during the depression to other industries to return to shipbuilding to take part in the Government's new drive for ships.

Finally at Ashington, Northumberland, Mr Bevin, commenting on the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill, said that the overwhelming force of American aid would break down the spirit of aggression.

SOVIET-JAPAN

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The main purpose of the visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuo, to Berlin, will be to discuss a possible Soviet-Japanese rapprochement, according to reports here.

Mr Matsuo is expected to leave immediately after the signing of the Thailand-Indo-China peace agreement which was scheduled for to-day but which has been postponed.

Weygand Reports On Defences in Africa

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Admiral Darlan, Vice-Premier in the Vichy Government, to-day gave a luncheon in honour of General Weygand.

Admiral Darlan had just returned from Paris where he had been conducting conversations with the occupying authorities and General Weygand from North Africa where he had spent considerable time "inspecting" forces in the French Colonial Empire.

Describing the luncheon, the Toulouse radio states that General Huntziger, the War Minister, Admiral Platon, Minister for the Colonies, and General Bergeret, Chief of Vichy Air Force, were present.

Defences Secure

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—"The defence of the French African Empire against any enemy has been made secure," states a communique issued after to-day's talks between Admiral Darlan and General Weygand at Vichy, says the Toulouse radio.

General Weygand is expected to leave Vichy for North Africa to-morrow, according to a Vichy dispatch to the official German news agency.



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A GREAT DECISION

TO Britain, China and Greece yesterday came the heartening news that the United States Senate, by a substantial majority, had passed the Lend and Lease Bill practically in its original form. Thus has been struck for Democracy in its fight against Totalitarianism, one of the greatest blows of the past decade. The United States has thrown down the gauntlet; henceforth Hitler and his junior partners know precisely what lies ahead of them—unstinted American aid in terms of money and materials for the Democracies.

In the course of his numerous "Fireside Talks" President Roosevelt has bluntly told Hitler and Co., that neither he nor the American people will be intimidated by threats that come from the Axis capitals. Now, Mr. Roosevelt and the peoples' representatives have gone further; they have thrown Hitler's threats back into his face and declared that they are prepared to stop him from fulfilling his Machiavellian machinations.

The people of the United States have no illusions about the Fuehrer's vaunted "New Order". They know that if he found it practicable to attack the United States he would soon find a pretext, as in the case of the inoffensive small countries he has overrun. Moreover, the American people are now convinced that, however scrupulously neutral the United States might remain, that would not count in the balance if Hitler saw the U.S. as the only obstacle in his path to world dominion. The Lend and Lease Bill is the first measure of protection against such an eventuality.

The Bill is a piece of inspired statesmanship, no less valuable to-day than it will be in the difficult years after the war. For Great Britain and her friends it promises to solve a whole cluster of problems. Financial questions will not be permitted to impede the flow across the Atlantic of all the weapons that Britain needs for her victory and America's security. Yesterday's voting, which complemented the decision of the House of Representatives, proved that the commonsense and goodwill of the American people are behind that masterly conception.

RIDDLES OF 1941

THE question in the headline might be answered simply with a "yes." But to answer it adequately we must begin by defining what we mean by "the offensive."

No term connected with war has given rise to more misunderstanding, or to such perilous misunderstanding, as the military sense of "the offensive." It is a term applied, and restricted, to action which takes the form of advancing upon the enemy. This is a convenient, but not a precise description especially in modern conditions of war.

While it suited the days when men fought with swords and spears, it does not answer the warfare which is carried out with firearms and other long-range missiles. A man, or a force, lying in a covered position may appear to have taken up a defensive attitude—yet his or its fire is operating offensively.

Offence in its wider aspects. The significance of this distinction is most simply illustrated in the case of a sniper, who always assumes the static posture that is associated with the defensive. His purpose is essentially offensive.

So is that of any feint or withdrawal which entices an opposing force to advance to a position where it can be more easily upset by a threat to its self-exposed flank. And this is one of the most profitable gambits of the art of generalship.

In the wider sense, the offensive may be said to embrace any form of action designed to gain the initiative in operating against the enemy's will to continue the war.

Thus, naval blockade is an offensive in the economic sphere; and so is such indirect action as buying up neutral supplies which the enemy might otherwise obtain.

For the same reason, air attack on his industrial plants is just as truly a form of the offensive as the bombing of his aerodromes or troop concentrations.

Where We Failed Last Winter. All propaganda that is aimed to weaken the will of the enemy people, as distinct from stiffening the will of your own, likewise constitutes an offensive—in the psychological sphere.

In all these ways we can certainly take the offensive in the military field with much greater force than hitherto.

While waiting for the time when we might be strong enough to take the offensive in the military field we badly failed to develop the offensive possibilities that were open to us in other spheres.

Indeed, the way that the leaders of France and Britain in the last winter of the victory they were going to win, when their strength had grown, was worse than foolish.

It not merely exposed the weakness of their existing strategy, but tended to block the way for a psychological offensive.

To confine our idea of offensive action to that of direct military assault is an absurdly narrow conception. It shows a shallow understanding of modern warfare.

Too many of our leaders, like those of a century earlier, are still living mentally in the last century.

The Craze For "Furious Assault." Unfortunately for the prospect of a broader conception, the collapse of France in face of the German Blitzkrieg, after nine months of Stitzkrieg, has produced a false picture—of the

Seventh Article in This Historic Series Can We Take The Offensive?

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power and virtue of the offensive in its superficial form.

It has come to be regarded by public opinion in Britain and America as a universal solution for all war problems. This craze for "furious assault" is the earliest notion that has ever been born of unreasoning emotion.

Because a direct attack is obviously the most direct way to victory, instinctive pugacity has the tendency to regard it as the necessary condition of success were assured—thus it has too often proved the short cut to disaster.

The evidence of 1940, when analysed for 1941, proves little ground for the renewed belief that, on land, attack can beat defence under anything like equal conditions.

The opening months saw the amazing prolonged resistance of the Finns in face of a vastly stronger assailant. The impression and the lesson were obscured, however, by the shock of Hitler's victory.

It is necessary, too, to face the fact that our Army is much smaller than the German, and that even the utmost possible development of our manpower would not go far to bridge the gap.

In the last war, Britain and the Dominions together eventually managed to place in the field about seven divisions.

We could hardly expect to provide as many in this war, however, as in the last, owing to the increased demands of the Air Force and of home defence, including anti-aircraft defence.

Moreover, the total available for any campaign in Europe is diminished by the need in this war of guarding against a Japanese threat in the Far East and of dealing with the Italian forces in Africa.

Germany, in contrast, has no great navy and shipping fleet to maintain nor any overseas Empire to guard. And she is reported to have between 200 and 250 divisions of land troops—so that her present land strength is immensely larger than our potential strength.

"We Want No More Dunkirks." In so far as that strength lies in mechanised force her balance is also a big one.

At the present time, no considerable force of the present type could be landed on the Continent without securing ports for the disembarkation of its heavier material and the maintenance of its supplies.

And here we are faced with the fact that we have done our utmost to make these ports unusable.

The more effective our bombardment has been, the bigger the obstacle we must have raised to our own ultimate military aims.

Perhaps it may be as well. For however many German divisions are engaged in occupying the conquered countries, it would seem probable that the Germans could soon concentrate sufficient to overwhelm heavily any force that we could land. We do not see further Dunkirks.

It is often suggested that the enemy's superiority of land force might be discounted by our attainment of air superiority.

But apart from this being not yet in sight, his failure to overwhelm our army last May, despite his great

superiority in both air and land strength, leaves a natural doubt about the value of such expectations.

In sum, our chance of invading the territory which Germany now occupies, and winning a military victory there, would seem to depend on the possible discovery of some revolutionary new weapon of paralysing effect, or the creation of an army of radically new model.

And neither of these possibilities is likely to be realised in 1941.

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And in Africa, at least, the pure offensive should become increasingly practicable as Italian oil supplies dwindle and Italian morale declines.

The combination of a well-mechanised force on an increasing scale offers a definite solution of our military problem there and a forerunner of the dissolution of Mussolini's African Empire.

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While a decisive effect is a possibility, the balance of probability is against such anticipations.

In the light of experience hitherto, a bombing match between two sea-powered countries such as Germany and England is fundamentally a farcical one—unless one or other can cross the water, or gain a definite mastery of the air.

For otherwise they can only scratch each other—until the cumulative effect of the scratching brings one of them to the point of collapse.

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And if we succeed in prolonging the game of scratch-as-scratch-can until Germany collapses, it is likely that we shall be almost as exhausted.

Neither a good peace nor a quick one could be anticipated from such a condition.

Centuries of experience show that a victory obtained by a long-drawn attack on the enemy is apt to be almost as damaging to the victor as to the loser.

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The delivery of the decisive stroke or threat may have to be prepared by lengthy manoeuvring, involving widespread skirmishing but no strategic worth of the name should it come to be drawn into a logging match or into a scratching match.

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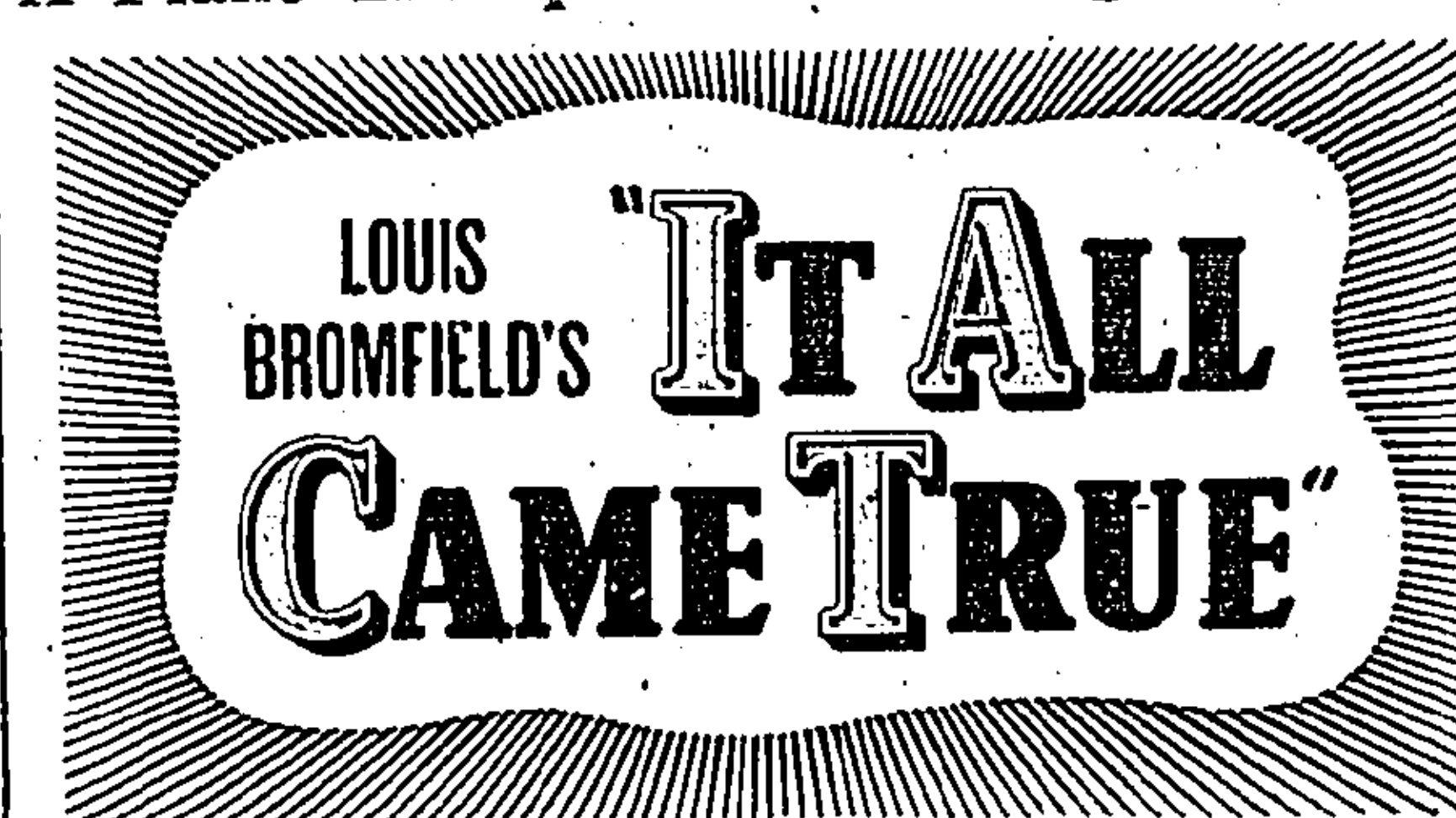
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An Absorbing Tale of a Torch Singer, A Piano Thumper and a Gangster Boss



A Warner Bros. picture coming to Hongkong next week. The cast includes ANN SHERIDAN as Sal; JEFFREY LYNN as Tommy; HUMPHREY BOGART as Mr. Grasselli; SAZU PITTS as Miss Flint; JESSIE BUSLEY as Mrs. Taylor and DWANA O'CONNOR as Maggie Ryan.

Sericalised by HARRY LEE.

THE STORY THUS FAR: Miss Minnie left her broomstone house, its furnishings, and its four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan, the cook, and North Taylor, the maid. Neither has the heart to evict the old roomers. Maggie's beautiful, hard-boiled daughter, Sarah Jane, a singer of torch songs, comes home after losing her job and beating up the boss. North's son, Tommy, who has been away for five years, has been playing the piano in a tough joint and carrying the gun for the big boss. The boss, when the place is raided, snatches the gun from Tommy, fires and hits a man, and practically forces Tommy to bring him to his mother's boarding house, a hideaway. Sarah Jane reads of the raid and suspects the mysterious boarder. She loves Tommy but quarrels with him when they meet again.

CHAPTER 3. The clucking, hen-mother attentions of his two officious old landladies, Maggie and North, made Mr. Grasselli want to throttle them. It was only when Robert, the shady gent who pretended to be his doctor, brought word that the shooting affair was about to blow over, that his manner toward them became slightly more tolerant.

Tommy stoutly refused to give Sarah Jane any information about the strange Mr. Grasselli. So she decided to do some sleuthing on her own. She hid behind a curtain in the upper room waiting for him to come from the bathroom. He emerged at last, hat drawn low. He must have sensed her presence, for his hand went swiftly to his hip. When he saw that it was "Sal" he smiled grimly.

"So!" she sneered, "the mysterious Mr. Grasselli is none other than good old

"I only wanted to know what Tommy had not mixed up with. I knew it was something that would get him all in trouble. Give me a cigarette. Chips—I've been waiting behind that curtain for an hour with nothing to smoke!"

"I suppose," he said, complying and holding a match for her, "that you'll go right out now and tell everybody up and down Broadway!"

"Think I'm going around bragging that we're harbouring a fugitive from justice? But if I don't run you out, it's only because Ma and Mrs. Taylor need your rent pretty bad!—How's Tommy mixed up with you?"

"Why don't you ask him?"

"I will!" She started from the room. "Aw, wait. Sal! Now that you know it's me, will you come in sometimes and chew the fat with me? I'm going to do these monkey on the wall paper are

India Calls In Dollars

Controls Aluminium

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has issued a notification calling on the owners of certain United States dollar securities to surrender them within a month from March 10 to the Reserve Bank, which will make payment when it is satisfied that the securities delivered are in an acceptable form.

Dividends received on such securities after March 10 will be the property of the Raj.

The Raj last July ordered the holders of dollar securities to supply particulars of their holdings to the Reserve Bank.

Allocating Stocks

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has assumed control of the sale and use in manufacture of the existing stocks of unmanufactured and semi-manufactured aluminium in order to ensure that they are utilized to the best advantage.

Holders of stocks are required to submit returns by March 31.

It will be recalled that aluminium was subjected to import control last January in order to reduce pressure on the demand on the world's supplies.

LETTERS

Electricity Charges

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir—When the 52nd Ordinary General Meeting of the Gilt-edged Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. takes place on March 20, shareholders will generally commend the action of "By order of the Board of Directors" to increase the Company's standard charges for current consumed, effective March 21, as already advertised.

To the ordinary working class man, this announcement is willfully accepted with a mere shrug of the shoulders. After all, why make a noise at all; it is going to cost the public only one cent more per unit.

Strictly speaking, however, lighting is a daily necessity, and as such, any increase in the lighting cost should rather come under a Controller too, notwithstanding the existence of any previous monopoly arrangement.

From all appearances, justification for the steps taken by the Company would seem to be lacking. Undoubtedly, the Company continue to earn excellent profits to such an extent that the Directors have found it possible to dish out frequent bonuses to shareholders, plus of course the regular interim and final dividends.

Wherefore, one might with reason ask, the further need to bleed consumers unnecessarily?

Permit me, please, to raise a voice of protest.

ELECTRICITY PERCY.

East Asia Sports Meet At Hsinking

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—Plans having fallen through for the East Asia Athletic Meet to be held in the Philippines, the Japanese Government has decided to hold a meeting at Hsinking in September to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of Manchukuo.

Invitations to send their representatives to the Meet are to be issued to Japan, China, the Philippines, the Inner Mongolian Federated Autonomous Government, Thailand, French Indo-China, the Netherlands East Indies, the Portuguese Island of Timor, the Hawaiian Islands and the South Sea Islands.

The events will include field and track, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, tennis, football tennis, rugby, bicycle races, table tennis, gymnastics, riding and aquatic contests.

Rugger Results

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—Following were the results of Rugby matches played yesterday:

Union—Bridges of Gwent 10, London 20; St. Mary's Athletic 10, Cardiff 10; W. 10, W. 10; Metropolitan Police 10, Bedford 10; Guy's Hospital 10, Gloucester 10; Birmingham University 10, Oxford 10; University of Bristol 10, Western Super-Mare 10; Bath 10, Rugby 10; Northampton 10, York 10; 15; Rosslyn Park 10, Army XV 10; Middlesex Hospital 10, Old Blues 10; League—Bath 2, Hull 11; Bramley 5, Bradford Northern 20; Castleford 3, Dewsbury 14; Huddersfield 9, Leeds 3; Hull 17, York 6; Keighley 11, Halifax 6; Wakefield Trinity 6, Featherstone 0; Friendly—Oldham 30, Leigh 0.

Rome Issues Casualty List

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The latest casualty list issued by Italian Headquarters to-night gives Italian losses in North Africa as 68 dead, 98 wounded and 12,250 missing.

The list states that on the Greek front the Italian losses were 2,868 dead, 4,041 wounded and 5,590 missing.

Keitel Gets Picture Of The Fuehrer

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—Hitler visited Field Marshal Wilhelm von Keitel, the German Chief of Staff, to-day to congratulate him on the completion of 40 years of service, according to the German news agency.

Hitler presented the Marshal with a photograph of himself.



Buried, He Guided His Rescuers

When a bomb demolished his London home (left) during a night raid Mr. Oakes was buried amid the debris. For three hours rescuers worked while he directed operations from his prison until he was released and given a refreshing drink—



—and carried away with only slight injuries.

Grand Hotel Opened

Eventful Day For Macao

The Grand Hotel, Macao, was opened yesterday by the Governor of Macao in the presence of all local notabilities and many from Hongkong. The proprietor, Mr. Pak Po-choi, had arranged travel by the Kin Shan and accommodation for the night at the hotel with all meals supplied, and many availed themselves of this lavish hospitality.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shou-son Chow were present at the formal opening which preceded a buffet lunch, and also at the dinner which climaxed an afternoon of dancing.

The Hotel is the highest building in the Portuguese colony. It is decorated in the most approved modern style, the bathrooms, lighting and furniture being outstanding for comfort and convenience. The price is very reasonable indeed.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,350 s.
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H.K. Banks (H.K.)	77 s.
Chartered	87 1/2 s.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	23 s.
Mercantile, C. E.	11 1/4 s.
East Asia s.d.	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	215 b.
Union	417 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 s.
Steamboats	0 n.
Indo-Chinas P. S.	80 n.
Indo-Chinas D.	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	43/9 n.
Waterboats	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	95 s.
Docks (old)	17/60 s.
Docks (new)	17 s.
Providents	5 1/4 s.
S'hai Dockyards	27 n.
MINING	
Kyllan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel	3/40 s.
Lands s. x. d.	32 1/4 n.
Lands 4 1/2 Debentures	97 1/2 b.
S'hai Lands Sh.	5 1/4 s.
Humphreys	6/70 n.
H.K. Realities	3/20 n.
Chinese Estates s. x. d.	98 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams s. x. d.	10 1/4 s.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 s.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/4 s.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 s.
China Lights (old)	6/74 s.
China Lights (new)	1/87 1/2 s.
H.K. Electric (old)	41 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	40/00 n.
Macao Electric (Old)	17 1/4 s.
Macao Electric (New)	10 1/4 s.
Sandakan Lights	13 n.
Telephones (old)	24 n.
Telephones (new)	9 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. 30 s.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. 25 s.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	16/00 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 1/4 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 n.
Watsons	10/70 n.
Lane Crawfords	7 1/4 n.
Sinceres	2/15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1/90 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	41 1/4 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh.	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.Bds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainment	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1/00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7/70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	0/0 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/0 n.

Dutch Bible Society Is Dissolved

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, Mar. 9 (UP).—Official news agency reports from the Hague say that the Chief of the Secret Police has ordered the dissolution of the International Bible Research Society (Dibelforcher).

War Weapons Week

London Plans Effort

LONDON, Mar. 9 (British Wireless).—The City of London, the City of Westminster, all metropolitan boroughs, the whole county of Middlesex and the Essex boroughs of East Ham, West Ham, Leyton, Ilford and Walthamstow will combine and hold a War Weapons Week simultaneously in May.

No objective has been fixed but attention is drawn to the large sums subscribed by provincial towns and cities.

Previously Raised

Liverpool, for instance, raised, £11,808,741, Glasgow £10,500,000, Edinburgh £10,234,053, Birmingham £8,145,148, Manchester £7,177,434 and Sheffield £5,017,184.

Last week's war savings total was £12,430,496, of which £4,476,731 were in savings certificates, £3,614,765 in defence bonds and £4,339,000 from increase in balance due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank and the Trustee Savings Banks.

The Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund now amounts to £2,246,000—and increase during the week of £30,000.

BOMB SCARE

As British Peer Speaks In N.Y.

Just before Lord Marley, a deputy speaker in the House of Lords, was to address the parishioners of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, in New York recently, someone telephoned the sexton that the church was going to be bombed.

The sexton said the man went into great detail but had such a thick Irish brogue he could not be understood.

Police were called and surrounded the church while parishioners entered, although the threat was not taken very seriously. They found two packages, one in Christmas wrappings which they treated as if it were a bomb. They doused it in oil and examined it with a fluoroscope in Central Park while the congregation was leaving church.

Perfume And Greetings

The neutralized package was found to contain a bottle of perfume and a card of greetings. The other was full of tin foil presumably collected for some charity.

Lord Marley was carefully guarded during the services by three detectives. He reminded police he once held a revolver championship in the British Navy and said he could well take care of himself. Two policemen were posted at the church throughout the night.

Italian General Said Relieved

Athens, Mar. 7.
An unconfirmed report says that General Ugo Cavallero has been relieved of his command and it is understood that he will be replaced by General Geloso, Commander of the 11th Italian Army in the central sector. This would be the fourth Italian Commander-in-Chief in Albania to be withdrawn as the result of the failure to halt the Greek advance.

Unconfirmed reports say that the reported removal of General Cavallero is due to the complete failure of his plan for counter-attacks as opposed to his predecessor General Soddu, whose tactics were to fall back and establish second lines of defence.—United Press.

Gayda Rants At America

Aid To Yugo-Slavia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
ROME, Mar. 9 (UP).—Signor Gayda, writing in the "Voce d'Italia" on the reported offer made by the United States of military aid for Yugo-Slavia, says that American military aims are a threat to every neutral nation.

He says the offer is based on the supposition that Yugo-Slavia is politically stupid and points out that there is no real offer by which the United States could send military aid to Yugo-Slavia if the Axis opposed it.

Chinese Deposits Coveted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 9 (UP).—The People's Political Council to-day passed a resolution urging that the Government negotiate with the British and American Governments for the purpose of having British and American banks turn over to the Chinese Government all deposits of Chinese nationals who would be reimbursed with Chinese war bonds.

The Council also passed a resolution urging the Government to improve the administration of the Burma Road.

"All Out" History Traced To 1300

In a learned poll of lexicographers, the New York Times has run down the sources of to-day's battle cry of democracy, the words "all out."

In 1300 Thomas a Becket spelled it "alout." Chaucer offered the "alle oute" variation.

So through the ages until conductors and umpires bellowed the same phrase. Now it means aid to Britain.

Refugee Loses \$730 In Jewellery

Teng Ching-kang, residing at Hut No. 49 in the Matauchung Refugee Camp, has reported to the Police the loss of jewellery worth \$730. Among the jewellery were a platinum ring set with a diamond worth \$203 and a diamond bracelet worth \$200.

British Air Services Carry On

British civil aircraft in 1940 flew five million miles and carried, besides passengers and freight, nearly 30 million air mail letters. Even in mid-winter, with severe weather added to the already considerable hazards of wartime flying, approximately 100,000 miles are being covered each week, reports British Airways.

Throughout 1940 contacts with Europe were regularly maintained despite the German over-running of the Continent. On the Lisbon service recently 400 passengers were carried in a month, as well as much mail and freight.

The Truth—As Freight!

During the summer and autumn, the Trans-Atlantic flights of "Clare" and "Clyde", which started at the height of the invasion crisis and were completed after ten crossings without incident or interruption, helped greatly to persuade the American people that Britain was strong and confident in the air, and that German claims of an aerial blockade were false. Special arrangements were made by British Airways to ensure that on each flight the latest editions of English daily newspapers were carried. These were read, analysed and even photographed in facsimile every time they arrived on the other side.

Passengers were carried across the Atlantic on British flying boats for the first time. They were fifty in number, all of them men at the centre of the war effort in Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

The value of civil aircraft as an instrument of propaganda is underlined when it is remembered that since Italy entered the war and France sought an armistice, aircraft belonging to British Airways or under charter to it, have served 34 countries. Of that number 14 were neutral and therefore closed to military machines.

Allies In The Air

The tale of British civil aviation in 1940 is not complete without the chapter written by the Allies. In close co-operation with British Airways, Dutch landplanes, from the fleet of K.L.M., are supplementing our flying boats which go to Lisbon, and in Africa S.A.B.E.N.A., the Belgian national air company is flying between the West Coast and Egypt by way of the Belgian Congo. The airways, not only of the British Empire, but of the Free Empires, are still open.

Bombs Cause Damage To BBC's Home

Hit twice by bombs, Broadcasting House, headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corp. in central London, has been severely damaged and an undisclosed number of men and women on the BBC staff have been killed in recent Nazi air raids, it was made known by British officials recently.

Although both bombings occurred at the peak of the night broadcasting periods, service at home and abroad continued uninterrupted.

The first bomb killed several BBC women. It exploded just as two announcers were reading news bulletins, one in English and the other in German for Nazi consumption. Both continued reading, as though nothing had happened.

The second bombing, in which a policeman was killed and some members of the BBC staff were wounded, caused major damage to the enormous, nine-story edifice, a landmark and an excellent target for bombers.

Carries On

Listeners to one broadcast heard some confusion in the background because of the bomb blast, but the announcer, after a momentary pause, went right ahead. The only sign of his emotion was a speeding up in the reading of his script.

The reason the bombings didn't interfere with BBC broadcasting may be ascribed to the fact that British announcers, as well as American correspondents in London, broadcast from bomb-proof shelters in the basement of the building. The British have also taken care to spread their transmitters.

This is not the first time Broadcasting House has been hit by bombs. Several months ago a medium-sized time bomb exploded six or seven floors up, but did little damage.

Bombs Kinder Than Poverty, Says Vicar

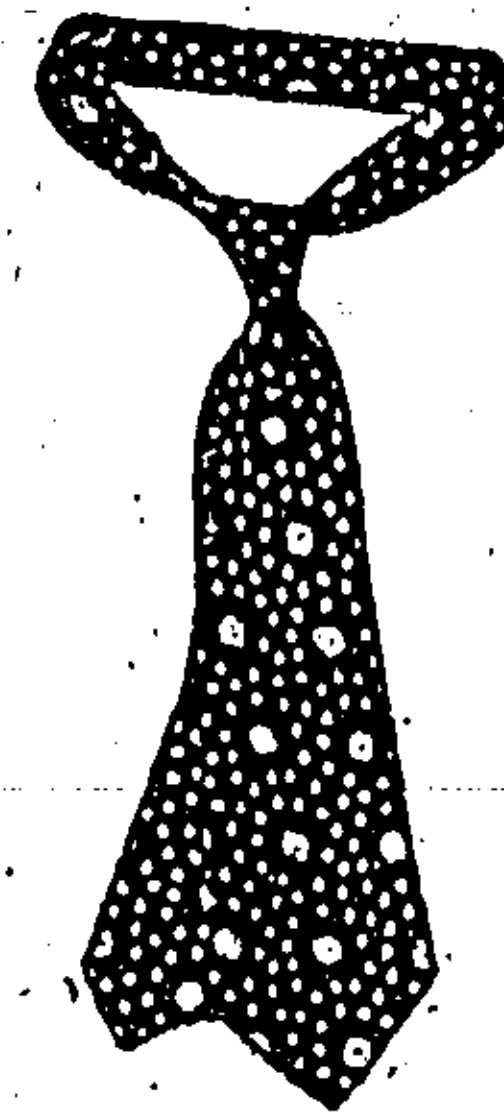
Bombs are more merciful than poverty or disease, says the Rev. A. W. G. Duffield, vicar of St John the Baptist, Chester, in his parish magazine.

"We are rightly shocked by the thought of 14,000 English folk bombed to death in their homes, but the idea of many times that number dying in their homes from malnutrition, tuberculosis and other poverty diseases leaves us thoroughly cold."

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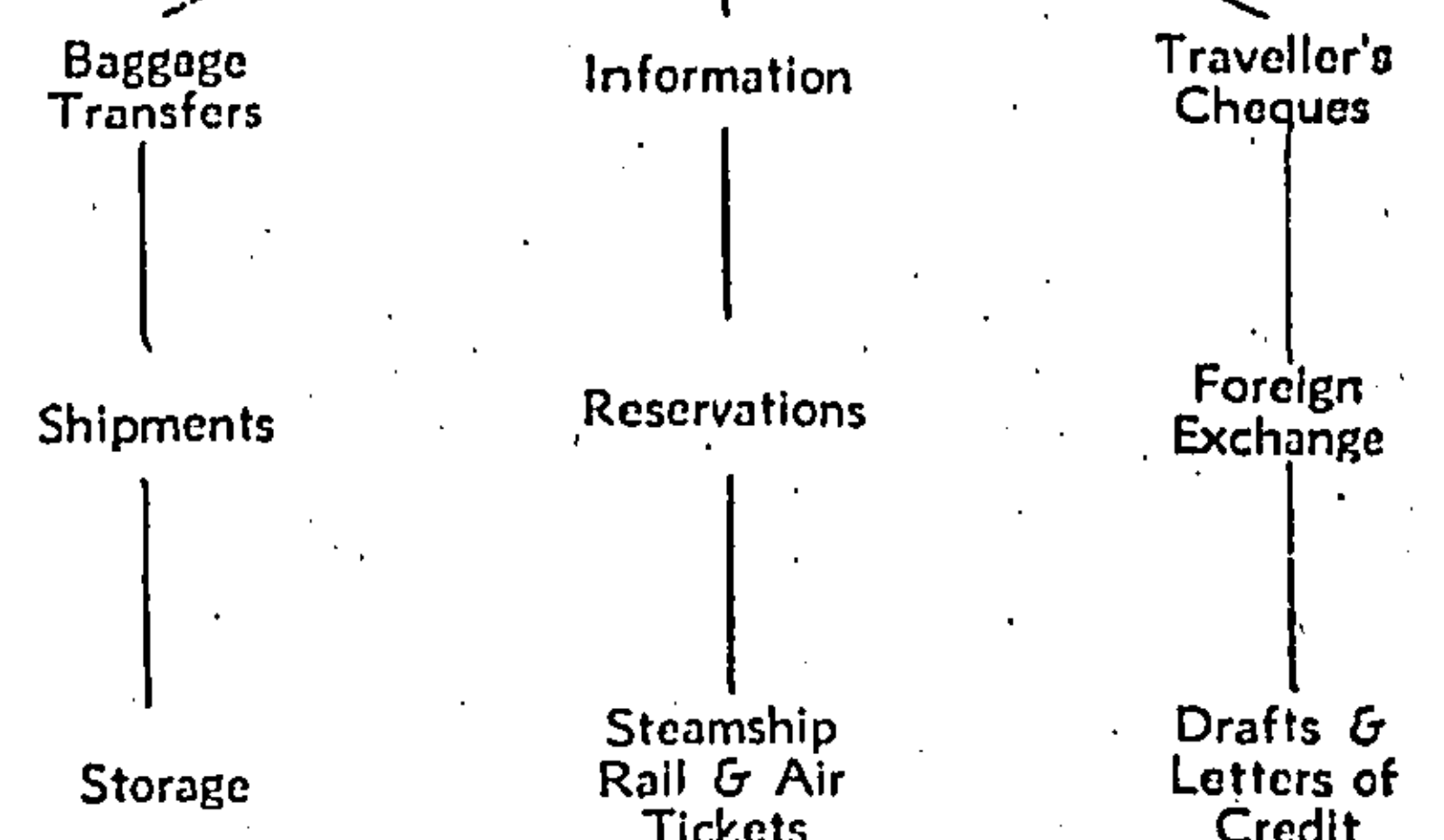
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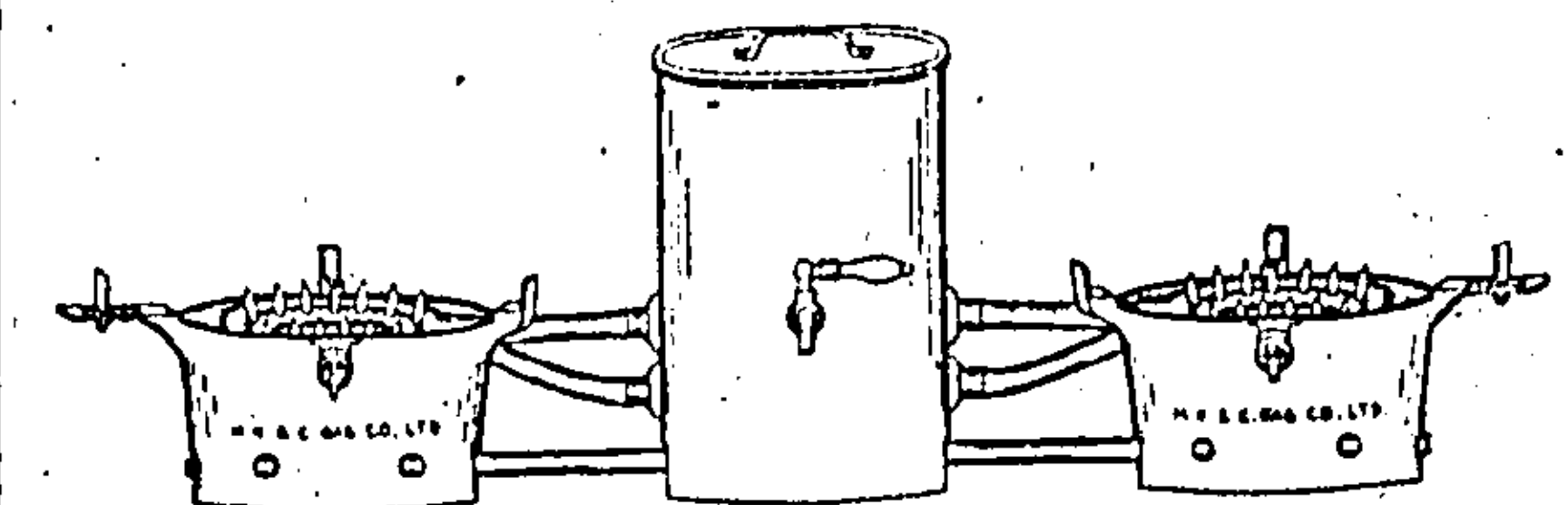
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American Naval Appointments

Washington, Mar. 8.

The Department of the Navy to-day announced 240 changes of duty, including a shake-up of the high commands of the Marine Corps in China, the Philippines and Guam, and changes of duty for 15 high-ranking Naval officers.

Colonel Samuel Howard, from San Diego, has been ordered to command the Fourth Marines at Shanghai, succeeding Colonel Dowitt Peck, who

has been given duty in the Department of the Navy.

Lieut.-Colonel John P. Amams is to command the Marine Corps at Cavite in the Philippines, succeeding Lieut.-Colonel Robert M. Montague, who has been appointed to the Central Recruiting Division at Chicago.

Colonel Allen H. Turnage, Commander of the United States Marines in North China, with headquarters at Peiping, has been ordered to Naval Headquarters at Washington. His successor has not been announced.—United Press.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China Overwhelm Kwong Wah Championship Honours Brought Nearer: One Point in Lead

(By "SCRAMBLER")

A SODDEN GROUND AND A HIGH WIND were not conducive to good football, but South China and Kwong Wah made the most of it when they met yesterday at Caroline Hill, the Hongkong team winning by five goals to one. South China are now one step nearer to the Championship, with one more game to go, and one point ahead of their nearest rivals, Eastern.

South China were on the whole the better team, combining excellently in both defence and attack. They were superior in both departments, and it must be said that the losers played as well as was to be expected, but found that South China were just that shade faster than them.

South China's forwards were seen to good advantage when on the move, adapting themselves better to the conditions, playing the short passing game which was admirably suited to the heavy state of the ground. Both the wingers were given plenty to do, and Lee Tak-kee in particular had a very good day, sending across perfect centres, and at least three of the goals scored were to his credit.

Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Chow Man-chi gave the Kwong Wah's defenders plenty to do, and the crafty inside left delighted with some clever foot work. Lee Wai-tong was very closely watched, and it was left again to his incident, Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi to do the foraging. All three had the wingers well supplied with first time passes.

The intermediate trio were again seen to the fore, breaking up many movements before they had time to become effective. The Lau brothers combined defence with attack, and Lau Tak-po did an admirable job as a third back, covering Tsang Chung-wan well. The right back did not appear to be quite himself, coming up too far afield. The Kwan-hung was heads and shoulders above his partner, and raced across on many occasions to relieve when threatened on the left flank.

Of the two keepers, both had quite a busy day, and Tam Kwan, who anticipated several dangerous shots which he turned over the bar. Lee Kwok-kee worked hard, but was unable to stop the shots that went past him.

Mediocre Halves

But for the sterling defensive work put in by the pair of backs, Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai, Kwong Wah would have undoubtedly gone under by a much heavier margin, as it was the two of them who broke up many a dangerous situation. The latter was unable to give Lee Tak-kee the attention he should, due to the faulty work of his front man.

Of the halves only Wong Wah-ray appeared able to do anything, being often seen in the thick of the fray, and although Lee Shek-yau was able to get past him on several instances, many of his runs down the side line, Chung Kim-fai paid far too much attention to Lee Wai-tong, and was unable to give his forwards much help, while Cheung Wing found that Lee Tak-kee was his master.

In attack, Kwong Wah's forwards were far too loose, being unable to get moving together, and much of the danger that went South China's way invariably came from the left where Wong King-chung was seen to good advantage. Without proper support, this clever winger had to go through on his own on many occasions. The rest of the forwards were either slow or backward in their stride.

Even Opening

The game started very evenly. Kwong Wah went to the attack, and Tin Yung-fat's shot was well handled by Tam Kwan-hon. Lau Fook-chuen was slow in his movements and when put through was robbed. Lee Tak-kee had bad luck when his shot was blocked by the defenders.

South China were doing more of the attacking and obtained the first goal through Chan Tak-fai, as Lee Shek-yau after dribbling the ball past several defenders quickly slipped the ball to him to go through and score from close quarter. Lee Wai-tong when well placed was rushed off his feet, and closely following upon this he shot over.

The Kwan-hung ran across to relieve Tsang Chung-wan when the latter allowed Wong King-chung to get past him, and Chan Tak-fai had bad luck when, going through, he slipped. Midfield play was the order of the day, and following upon a breakaway, Lee Yan-leung was given a golden opportunity to equalize, but after lending Tam Kwan-hon to the ball had the mortification to see Tsang Chung-wan saving on the line.

Pressure was being kept up by South China, and Lee Tak-kee was sent away on several occasions, in one of which his centre across the goal line was taken advantage of by Lee Shek-yau, who beat Lee Kwok-kee with a first founder.

Second Half

After the change over, South China were in the ascendancy, and the good work put in by Kwong Wah's defenders kept their goal from falling further. However it was not long before, following upon an attack, Lee Tak-kee again centred beautifully across for Lee Shek-yau to crash the ball into the net. Following upon this, Kwong Wah went to the attack, and Lee Yan-leung made amends when he beat Tam Kwan-hon with a fast ground shot.

After this South China indulged in some clever football and had Kwong Wah's defenders on their toes. Chan Tak-fai put Lee Wai-tong through for the latter to score his first and the

Badminton Schedule Altered

The Senior Division of the Badminton League has been decided, the winners being University "A" and the runners-up University "B". University "A" were never once beaten in the competition, while the "B" team won three out of six matches played. The other teams in this division were Club de Recreio and Chinese Y.M.C.A., which finished in that order.

The Junior Division has not yet been decided. In the "A" Section, King's College is two points behind Chung Wah but with one match in hand, while in the "B" Section Kowloon C.C. and St. John's are in the lead with the same number of points.

Open Championships

The Open Championships will start in the course of this week, and following is the programme:

THURSDAY (AT KING'S COLLEGE)

Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Weng-tai, 7 p.m.
Men's Junior Singles—S. Amptavanar v. P. K. Ho, 7.45 p.m.
Men's Junior Doubles—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY (AT TAIKOO)

Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Earley, 7 p.m.
Men's Senior Doubles—T. S. Young and K. Fung v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang, 7.45 p.m.;
C. F. Laville and N. A. Beltrao v. M. Tahan and H. Guel, 8 p.m.

One more entry for the Ladies' Doubles has been received and that was from Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White, of St. Andrew's. The number of entries received for this event is now seven. At least eight are required before the competition can be held, and further entries will be gladly received by Mr. M. Tahan, the Hon. Secretary.

Club's fourth goal, and after this, Lee Tak-kee sent across another of his perfect centres to enable Chan Tak-fai to head past Lee Kwok-kee who made a weak attempt at stopping the shot.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tsang Kwan-hon; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Wong Wah-ray, Cheung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kim, Tin Fung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-chung.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc. The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020). No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

MUDLARCS IN ACTION



Action in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side rugby tournament at Happy Valley on Saturday. The mud soon made players almost unrecognisable.—Ming Yuen.

Hockey Interport

Macao Beat H.K. 3-1

FURTHER ENTRIES FOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The start of the Colony's Tennis Championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, which was originally fixed for to-day, has been postponed. The closing date for entries was extended for a week to Saturday to enable some well-known players to send in their names. Among the new entries are: Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yan-pui, Ho Ka-lau and Paul Kong.

It was learned from Mr. A. K. Mackenzie, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong C.C., that the draw may be made to-day and that the tournament will probably start next Monday, but nothing definite has been decided.

Following are the entries received for the championships:
Open Men's Singles—S. A. Rumsdell (holder), Capt. R. E. Guest, M. Pugh, C. H. R. Oxlade, T. J. Gould, A. Crawford, H. H. H. Kwok and Lee Ling, M. Pugh and Lieut. Shields Goodman, H. D. Rumsdell, K. H. Ip, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tong, Wei Chung, S. Y. Tong, George Chao, Pang Oi-lam, Paul Kong, C. S. Lee, Ho Ka-lau, Tsui Yan-pui, Tsui Wai-pui, Fung Yee-pui and C. Dunne.

Open Men's Doubles—S. A. and H. D. Rumsdell (holders); Capt. R. E. Guest and R. Lay, F. H. Kwok and Lee Ling, M. Pugh and Lieut. Shields Goodman, C. H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell, T. J. Gould and A. V. Remedios, Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming, T. A. Martin and C. M. Mathias, G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdonnell, A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui, Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, B. Agaturoff and I. Agaturoff.

Club Handicap Singles—V. R. Gordon, D. S. Robb, E. R. Childe, G. W. Sewell, H. C. Knight, H. J. Armstrong, P. W. Winesham and T. J. Gould, C. M. Deane, R. Oxlade, T. C. Monaghan, T. J. Gould, H. Van Leeuwen, M. A. Berens de Haan, P. J. Elder, Lieut. F. W. Carter, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, A. H. Barwell, A. K. Mackenzie, T. C. Monaghan, J. Sterling, Lieut. J. S. Theobald and Capt. R. E. Guest, M. Pugh, C. H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell, T. J. Gould and A. V. Remedios, Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming, T. A. Martin and C. M. Mathias, G. W. Sewell and D. M. Macdonnell, A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui, Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, B. Agaturoff and I. Agaturoff.

Club Handicap Doubles—V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair, H. C. Knight and Miss D. Dowdell, E. R. Childe and Mrs. G. Dalziel, C. H. R. Oxlade and Mrs. Pritchard, C. M. Deane and Miss L. Maughan, P. J. Elder, Lieut. F. W. Carter, E. H. Barzel, A. K. Mackenzie, A. C. I. Bowker, E. Lavrov, F. Sterling, Lieut. F. D. Hunter, G. Campbell, D. A. Murdoch.

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The complete list of prizes in the

Monster Raffle

in aid of the Bomber Fund will be published in the "South China Morning Post" on Tuesdays and in "The Hongkong Telegraph" on Saturdays.

TOURNAMENT RUGBY

Club Scores Eighth Victory

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB scored their eighth success in ten years on Saturday when they won the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament, beating 8th Heavy Regt "A" 21-0 in the final.

Lady Grayburn presented the Shield to A. F. Walkden, Captain of the Club team, and included in the enthusiastic spectators were His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasett and Brigadier T. McLeod, Officer Commanding, Royal Artillery.

Club's overwhelming success was, in some respects, a great surprise, for it was not expected that the 8th Heavy would go under so easily. Main contributory factor, perhaps, was the brilliant play of A. D. Lee, Club back, while behind the scrum, Thomson, and in the forward line, Needham and Walkden, could do little wrong.

The ground was very heavy due to the rain. Club led 8-0 at half-time through Bidwell in two particularly fine tries. The first he gained through a dazzling burst of speed and touched down between the posts, and the second when he used the blind side and took a pass from Thomson to score in the former. The first was converted by Thomson.

Rapid Scoring

Then just after the interval, Stewart scored between the posts for Thomson to again add the points, and though in the succeeding minutes Walkden all but went over again, two further tries were added in quick succession by Needham, one of which was converted by Thomson.

Surprise of the day was the facility with which the Club men were allowed to slip past the Gunners. Hook, Skipwith, Marsh and Richards were formidable enough obstacles, but were unable to deal effectively with the elusive Clubmen. Tackling was not impressive, and it was, perhaps, in this department that the Gunners failed.

The following were the teams which took part:
Club "A"—H. Van Leeuwen, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, M. Thomson, C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden (Capt.), C. R. E. Heasman.
Royal Engineers—Spr. Jones, Cpl. Flinton, Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (Capt.), Martin, L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake, Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.), J. C. Charter, T. O. Morgan, R. Tedman, H. Hyman, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

Royal Scots "A"—Pte. Parnaby, Sgt. Stephenson, Capt. Patterson, Sgt. Nealon, 2/Lt. Millar, Cpl. Sutcliffe and 2/Lt. Pritchard (Capt.).
B. & S.—A. G. Gratton, V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchison, L. J. Money, I. M. Macrae, G. F. Castleton (Capt.) and G. B. Godfrey.
8th Heavy Regt. "A"—L/Sgt. Richards, Sgt. Marsh, Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (Capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Sgt. McDermott and L/Sgt. Turner.
Middlesex (33)—Pte. Thomson (10), Pte. Davidson (33), Sgt. Sturdy, Pte. Samuel, Lt. Willoughby (Capt.), Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Gillan.

Trainer & Small Ships "A"—Tel. Henry, Wm. A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden, S.B.A. Flynn, C.P.O. Wm. King and P.O. Wilson.

Earlier results in the quarter-finals and semi-finals were:

QUARTER-FINALS			
Club "A"	0	Civil Service	0
R. Scots	0	R. Engineers	0
B & S	0	Middlesex "B"	0

SEMI-FINALS			
Club "A"	11	R. Engineers	3
Tamr and S/S	3	8th Heavy	5
8th Heavy	3	B & S	0

War Cup Matches

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Results of the football matches played yesterday were:

War Cup Second Round (South).—Arsenal 5, Watford 0; Chelsea 3, Brentford 1; Leicester 1, Notts Forest 1; Astonfield 3, West Bromwich 2; Northampton 1, Tottenham 3; Queens P.F. 4, Aldershot 2; Reading 0, Cardiff 1; West Ham 3, Southend 1.

North-Barnsley 1, Grimsby 1; Blackburn, Manchester City 4, Middlesbrough 3; Leeds 0, New Brighton 0; Tranmere 3, Newcastle 4; York 3; Preston N.F. 2; Bolton 0; Sheffield United 3; Hull 1; Southampton 0, Everton 0.

South Regional League—Crystal Palace 5, Millwall 3; Walsall 7, Stoke 3; Norwich 2, Fulham 0.

North Regional League—Bradford City 2, Bradford 1; Burnley 4, Oldham 0; Chester 4, Blackpool 3; Crewe 2, Rochdale 5; Liverpool 2, Wrexham 2; Manchester United 2, Rury 3; Stockport 2, Chesterfield 0; Lincoln 4, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Halifax 4, Huddersfield 0; Rotherham 1, Doncaster 2.

Western Regional League—Bristol City 7, Swansea 1.

Combined R.A. XV

The following will represent the Combined Royal Artillery against the Combined Small Units in an Army Large Units League match at Soerenga, 3 p.m. to-morrow:
Lieut. Fairclough; Sgt. Marsh, Gnr. Keble, Capt. Skipwith, L/Sgt. Richards (Capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Sgt. McDermott, Capt. Hook, Gnr. Dobbinson; 2/Lieut. Hampson, 2/Lieut. Wedderburn, 2/Lieut. Davidson, Pte. May, L/Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Page, 2/Lieut. Edmonson, Bdr. McDermott, Reserve, Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Cook.

On Wednesday at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, the Combined Royal Artillery will play Club "A".

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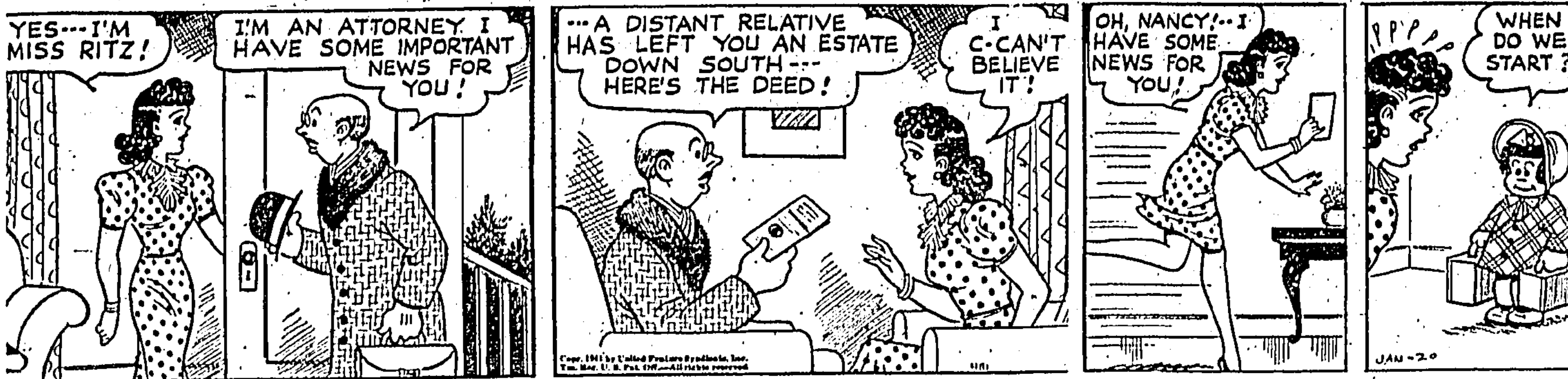


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Bridge Drive Swell Total

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Home Evening	20.00
"P.S." Chicken Feed	25.00
Jimmy's Kitchen Music Box	52.00
February	52.00
Officers of the Traffic Dept. P.H.G.	50.00
Captain J. Lassus	50.00
Hong Kong Women's International Club Proceeds of Bridge and Mahjong Drive	900.00
Ex-Libris Foot (Seventh Donation)	100.00
Cheero Club, Proceeds of old tins and old newspapers	7.00
AT&T/G.C.	2.00
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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Society for the Protection of Children in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fung Kwok-wai: Head Office and Hong Kong Staff, Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., \$31.

EMERGENCY REFUGEE COUNCIL

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council: (9th Contribution) \$10. B.W.O.P.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British War Organisation Fund:

Capt. J. J. Lassus (February) \$20.

Amoy University Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Amoy University was held in the Cafe Windsor yesterday. It was well attended. Mr. Lai Man-ching presided.

Mr. Lai, in his address, reported that a telegram had been sent to Mr. Lin Sen, President of Free China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and to all generals and soldiers at the front paying the respects of the Association.

A telegram had also been sent, he said, to Mr. Tan Kah-kee, founder of Amoy University, and Chairman of the Overseas Chinese Teachers' Training College in either Fukien or Kwangtung Provinces, as the majority of Chinese overseas came from these provinces.

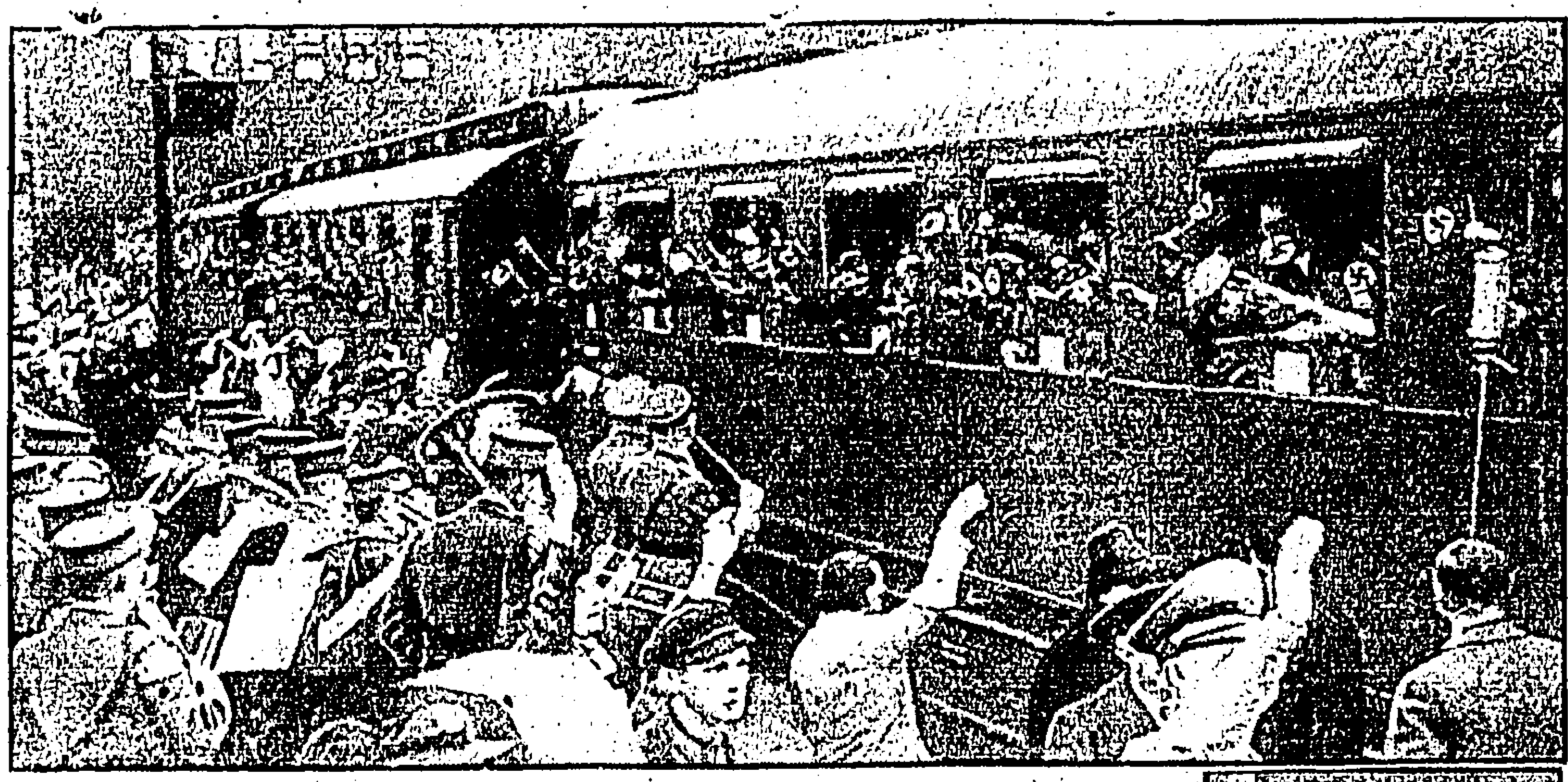
The meeting endorsed Mr. Lai's remarks, and several members spoke in support of Mr. Lai's appeal to Mr. Tan to retain his post.

Mr. Christito P. J. Chen presented a brief report on the Alumni's activities during the past year.

The occasion was also taken to have the annual dinner.

BERLIN EVACUATION: FIRST PICTURES

THIS PICTURE, issued by the German Propaganda Ministry, shows an evacuee train filled with children leaving Berlin. A military band was playing on the platform and children were provided with Nazi flags to wave as the train steamed out of the station.



Proceeds Of Bridge And Ma-Jong Drive

The Hongkong Women's International Club have issued the following statement of accounts regarding the Bridge and Ma-Jong Drive held at the Club's premises on March 7, proceeds of which were in aid of the Bomber Fund:

Receipts.—Admissions, \$101; donations, \$258; sale of coupons at 50 cents each, \$250; half proceeds of sweets and cigarettes, \$40; sale of cake tickets, \$27.30; sale of tomatoes \$15; sale of cakes \$23.50; "Lucky Dip", \$92.06; Mrs. Eldon Potter's winning \$4. Total HK\$900.86.

CAESARIAN BIRTH FOR SHARKS

Florida fishermen, gathering sharks for tanneries, have discovered that the unborn young, delivered by Caesarian operation, are a good by-product of the fishing industry. The young are kept alive and sold to aquariums.

As regards sweets and cigarettes, half proceeds go to "All Souls" (London) Comfort Fund, as gifts were solicited by Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Turner's "All Souls" (London) Comfort Fund was entirely separate from the Bomber Fund, and prizes for coupons sold for this fund were provided by her. The sale of coupons and donations realised HK\$564.70 at exchange is 2½d, equivalent to £35.

No More Reports On Weather

The Hongkong Royal Observatory ceased issuing daily weather reports as from yesterday. Until further notice, such data will not be published for general information, through the press, radio or other channels, said Mr. C. W. Jeffries, Director of the Observatory.

The last weather report issued by the Observatory was at 4 p.m. on Saturday. No explanation was given as to why this information has been stopped, except that it was "on orders." There is no indication what provision will be made in the typhoon season.

The suspension is in accordance with precautions taken in Britain and elsewhere.



A BERLIN GIRL kissing her mother before she left on the evacuee train

IMMIGRATION CERTIFICATES BEING FORGED

Steps have and are being taken by the Immigration Department to combat the circulation of forged immigration certificates which have been detected not only in Hongkong but also in Macao. It is learned that recently at least 10 persons were arrested in Macao.

Interviewed, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, said that the forgeries were, on the whole, well done and only by careful examination with the original could anyone detect them.

"The printers whom I have consulted are of the opinion that the forgery is done by photography. People who are found in possession of false permits cannot be regarded as entirely blameless, because it is common sense that the permits cannot be procured, as these were procured, in half an hour, by sending a hotel boy to buy them."

"Statements have already been made in the vernacular Press in Hongkong and Macao warning the public against accepting permits except after application made in writing through our own offices or through recognised agents, a list of whom has been published."

Mr. Forrest said that immediately after discovery of the forgeries, steps were taken to check circulation. "It is hoped that by the end of this week all certificates issued will have a new anti-forgery device," he concluded.

Light Charges Increase

The China Light and Power Company notifies that charges for electricity are being raised by 10%. The increase is to operate from March 17, in the form of a surcharge on accounts; but will actually be imposed on meter readings from April 24.

The existing scale of discounts is to remain in force. Recently the Hongkong Electric Company notified increases for the Island of about 7%.

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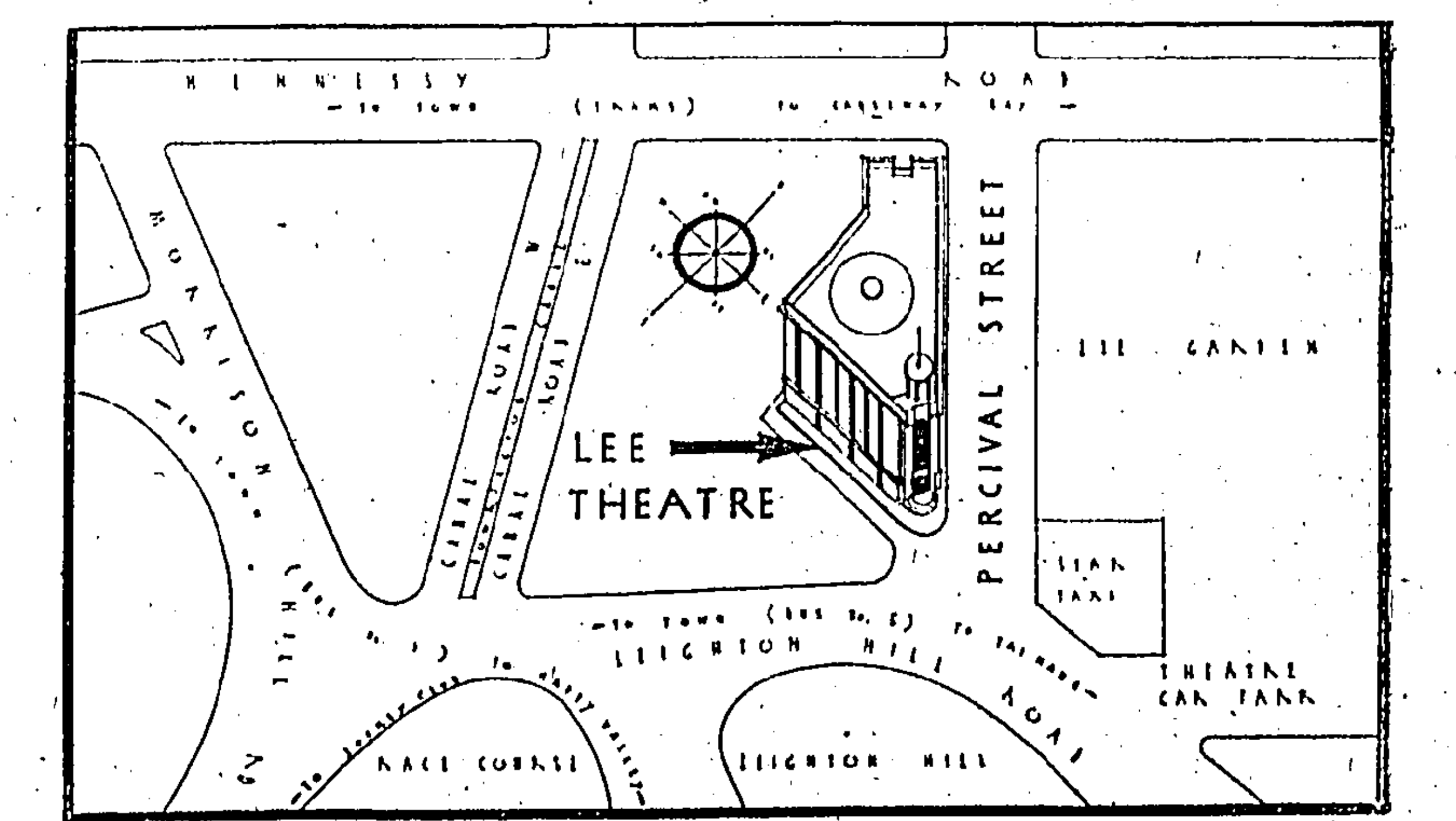
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PLENARY SESSION

Political Council Resolutions

CHUNKING, Mar. 9 (Central News).—After a nine-day session, the first plenary session of the 2nd Political Council was adjourned to-day.

Before its adjournment the Council adopted the draft of a manifesto to be issued in the name of the Council and elected 25 members to form a resident committee which will take charge of routine affairs during the recess.

A resolution provides for the increase of the production of vital materials for national defence; speeding up of the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway; improving of the transport, and marketing system; shipment of Hunan rice to relieve shortage; increase of land tax, stabilization of commodity prices; simplification of the taxation system; inauguration of banking services by postal offices, and encouragement of Chinese and foreign investments.

Public Salaries

Another resolution lays down three general principles for revising the salary scales for public functionaries: First, the salary scales for civil and military officials which are found at variance should be revised. Secondly, subsidies and allowances to different government offices and schools should be on a just and equal basis. Thirdly, the salary scales for public functionaries in various places should be revised in accordance with local conditions.

Other important resolutions passed include the formation of the various grades of people's advisory organs, strict restrictions on the imposition of transit dues in various provinces, improvement of control over the tung oil trade, establishment of more normal schools and universities in the frontier provinces, and training of more teachers for the promotion of secondary, normal and social education.

Damage In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 9 (UP).—A press message received from Oslo to-day said the main aqueduct was damaged on Friday night, flooding several streets and causing much material damage.

The police are investigating the possibility of sabotage.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Shanghai	435
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T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	24 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

Malta Beats Off Nazis

Fate Of A Bomber

MALTA, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—A German Junkers bomber crashed and burnt out and the crew of four were killed in an early morning raid carried out to-day by planes intent on machine-gunning their targets.

Some damage was done to Government property.

Three other alarms were sounded to-day but in the words of the official communiqué, there "is nothing further to report."

No raid materialised last night after an alert was sounded.

Waterloo Road Accident

A. M. Xavier, driving car No. 4467, is reported to have knocked down a Chinese woman named Pyau in Waterloo Road about 9 p.m. yesterday. The woman sustained a fractured arm and was sent to hospital.

A four-year-old child was also involved in the accident, suffering from abrasions. The child died in hospital this morning.

Blood For Raid Victims Kept Fresh

British research workers have revolutionised the technique of blood transfusion, and in London blood is now being stored under proper scientific conditions ready for use after air raids.

Formerly, donors of blood had to be available at an instant's notice because a patient's life may have depended on fresh supplies of blood, and there was no known way of preventing its deterioration if it were not made use of almost at once.

To-day, thanks to the work carried out in British laboratories, blood is being stored away without loss of its vitalising properties either during storage or after transfusion into the patient's system. It lasts almost as long as his own.

Filter Mats

The advance has been brought about by filter mats which sterilise and clarify the blood, preventing bacterial contamination and consequent decay.

The result is that London's blood supply depots have now got adequate supplies of blood stored against casualties from air raids, which very often stand in need of this immediate aid.

Chinese Army Telephones

Supplied By Britain
Five thousand field telephones, built by Britain for the Chinese Army, weigh only nine pounds each, that is 3 1/2 pounds less than that of any foreign competitive specification.

Despite their unusual light weight construction, these portable telephones are working well under severe tropical conditions. The carrier of black leather, which is little larger than that normally used for a hand camera, encloses the whole of the apparatus, including a combined receiver and transmitter. The hand generator is the latest design, incorporating a Nial magnet and internal gears, and having a high output, with a resistance of 500 ohms. A straightforward circuit suitable for use with any normal magnetic switchboard is used and the battery consists of two small standard cells.

AID BRITAIN

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basis as a step to speed up production for both national and British defence. It is authoritatively reported that the request for additional funds for British aid will be over and above the \$20,000,000,000 of the national defence programme.

Aid For Greece
LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Greeks are looking "with confidence to the administrative speed for which American executives are rightly famed," said the announcer on the Athens radio to-night, commenting on the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill in the United States Senate on Saturday.

He added: "We are sure that effective material help for Greece in her struggle will immediately be forthcoming."

SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

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Thai forces returned the fire and forced the French to retreat.

Two hours later a French patrol, armed with light machine-guns, attacked "Thai" police guards at Sampaetapan, a few miles northeast of Bangkok. Thai reinforcements were rushed to the scene, forcing the French to flee.

The communiqué added that the Thai High Command noted with deep regret the lack of discipline on the part of the French forces.

LATE NEWS

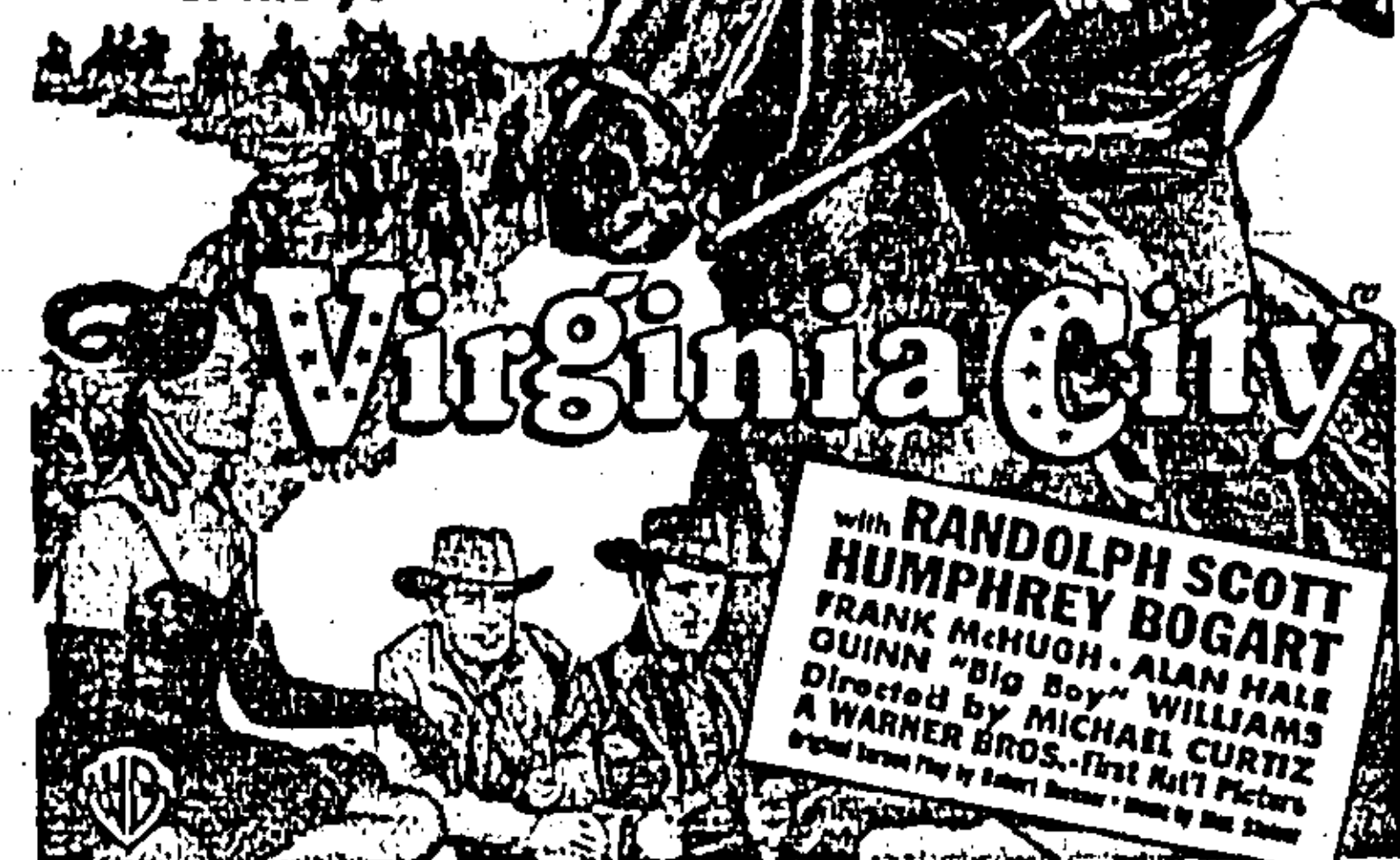
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What Senate Approval Of Lend And Lease Bill Means

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Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAR. 9 (UP).—ADMINISTRATION LEADERS ARE JUBILANT OVER THE PASSAGE BY THE SENATE OF THE LEND AND LEASE BILL. THEY PREDICTED THAT MACHINERY WOULD BE INSTITUTED IMMEDIATELY TO ACCELERATE THE PROVISION OF SHIPS, PLANES AND MUNITIONS TO BRITAIN, GREECE AND CHINA.

The Senate approval by a vote of two to one is interpreted in most quarters as an overwhelming non-partisan mandate for the Administration to proceed speedily and arrange for industrial and agricultural production and procurement to meet the needs of all the embattled Democracies.

INCREASED AID FOR CHINA

U.S. Ships May Run Blockade

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (UP).—Government sources to-day declined to disclose the extent of aid which the Administration contemplates giving to China under the Lend and Lease Bill, but Far Eastern circles interpreted Congressional approval as a mandate to aid China on the same relative plan as aid will be given to Britain.

ADVANCE IN SOMALILAND

British Successes On Land And In The Air

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Mar. 9 (UP).—Today's General Headquarters' communique revealed that the British have occupied Gabredarre on the Mogadiscio-Harrar road.

"In Abyssinia there was vigorous pursuit by the patriotic forces of the retreating Burge garrison which is continuing. On other fronts our areas of occupation are proceeding with daily additions to the number of prisoners already taken," added the communique.

The R.A.F. communique stated that bombs were observed to burst along the railway line during an attack on Tripoli harbour on the night of March 6-7. This was the ninth raid on Tripoli harbour since last November. It added, "Enemy aerodromes in Tripolitania were also bombed."

British bombers inflicted "considerable damage" on the Keren-Asmara road and also attacked enemy troops positions at Keren and in that area.

Yesterday, South African fighters machine-gunned and burned out two oil dumps and a lorry, south of Asmara.

From all these operations, the British aircraft returned safely.

CHINESE BOMB JAPANESE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (UP).—An official communique issued this morning stated that a Chinese bombing formation appeared over Ichang at 1.35 p.m. on Sunday and bombed the Japanese troop concentrations and other positions. All the Chinese planes returned safely.

Yugo-Slavia To Sign With Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 9 (UP).—The Yugo-Slavia-German non-aggression pact and joint declaration of collaboration is expected to be signed on Tuesday.

Nazis May Attack Macedonia

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—

The belief that Germany will attack Macedonia and western Thrace within 48 hours is expressed by some observers, according to neutral reports quoted by the Ankara Radio to-night.

Others think that the Nazis may prefer to await developments in their diplomatic offensive.

"Greece," the announcer added, "has already evacuated the population of Thrace and has established a line of defence west of Salonika. It is thought that the German attack would start with an air raid on Salonika."

War Clouds Over Turkey

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Mar. 9 (UP).—War clouds loom large over Turkey as German troops occupy the Thracian border and reports declare that Nazi Stuka dive-bombers are based at Rhodes in the Dodecanese.

The Turkish Government steadily continues preparations for war, but it is noted that the Axis attitude is growing more correct.

A law regulating the use of public transport by eventual Allied forces on Turkish soil, which was to have been introduced in the National Assembly has been shelved, according to the newspaper "Tan," while the pro-British newspaper "Yenisabah" has been closed down for one day because of an article expressing contempt for the German army, which is contrary to Turkish press laws.

Well-informed diplomatic sources declare that the Turkish policy is not due to a weakening of the alliance with Britain, but to the fact that Turkey and Britain has agreed that it is in the interests of both countries to keep Turkey from war as long as possible, and it is expected this policy will be continued even if the Germans overrun Greece.

It is now understood that Dr Refik Saydam, the Turkish Premier will make a public speech in the National Assembly on Wednesday afternoon and that M. Shokru Srrapci will deliver a secret speech at the People's Party meeting on Tuesday.

Mr R. Roberts of 21 Jordan Road, second floor, reported to the Police yesterday that some one entered his house and stole money, jewellery and clothing valued at \$40.

The President's authority to transfer military equipment to Britain is limited only by the requirement that he must first consult with the Army Chief of Staff and the Navy Chief of Naval Operations before making any transfers, and that secondly, the value of the materials thus transferred may not exceed \$13,000,000,000 (about £3,000,000,000).

Such transfers may be accomplished as soon as the Bill is finally approved by the House and signed by the President, which is expected to be this week—without awaiting further Congressional action on the appropriations.

Britain's Keenest Needs

Best informed sources predicted that the most pressing British needs at the present are merchant tonnage and possibly food.

They declared that the obvious need for planes was being met as fast as production permitted and they suggested that it was not likely that

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LATEST

Matsuoka's Visit To Germany

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (UP).—The reported visit of Mr. Matsuoka to Berlin which he is expected to make shortly has aroused considerable interest and speculation in the American press, which gives prominence to the forthcoming Axis conference in Germany.

The "Herald-Tribune" in an editorial believes that while Mr. Matsuoka's visit to Berlin is ostensibly to discuss Axis collaboration, he will actually endeavour to find out what the chances are of a German victory so that Japan can figure out for herself the risks of attacking Malaya and the Dutch East Indies which may bring her into conflict with the United States.

Mr. Matsuoka also hopes to learn what Russia's position will be in the Japanese-German synchronized attacks, but the paper believes that he will not learn much about Moscow's plans, adding that Stalin's policy is to keep Japan guessing and encouraging her to venture from home, which may result in her ruin.

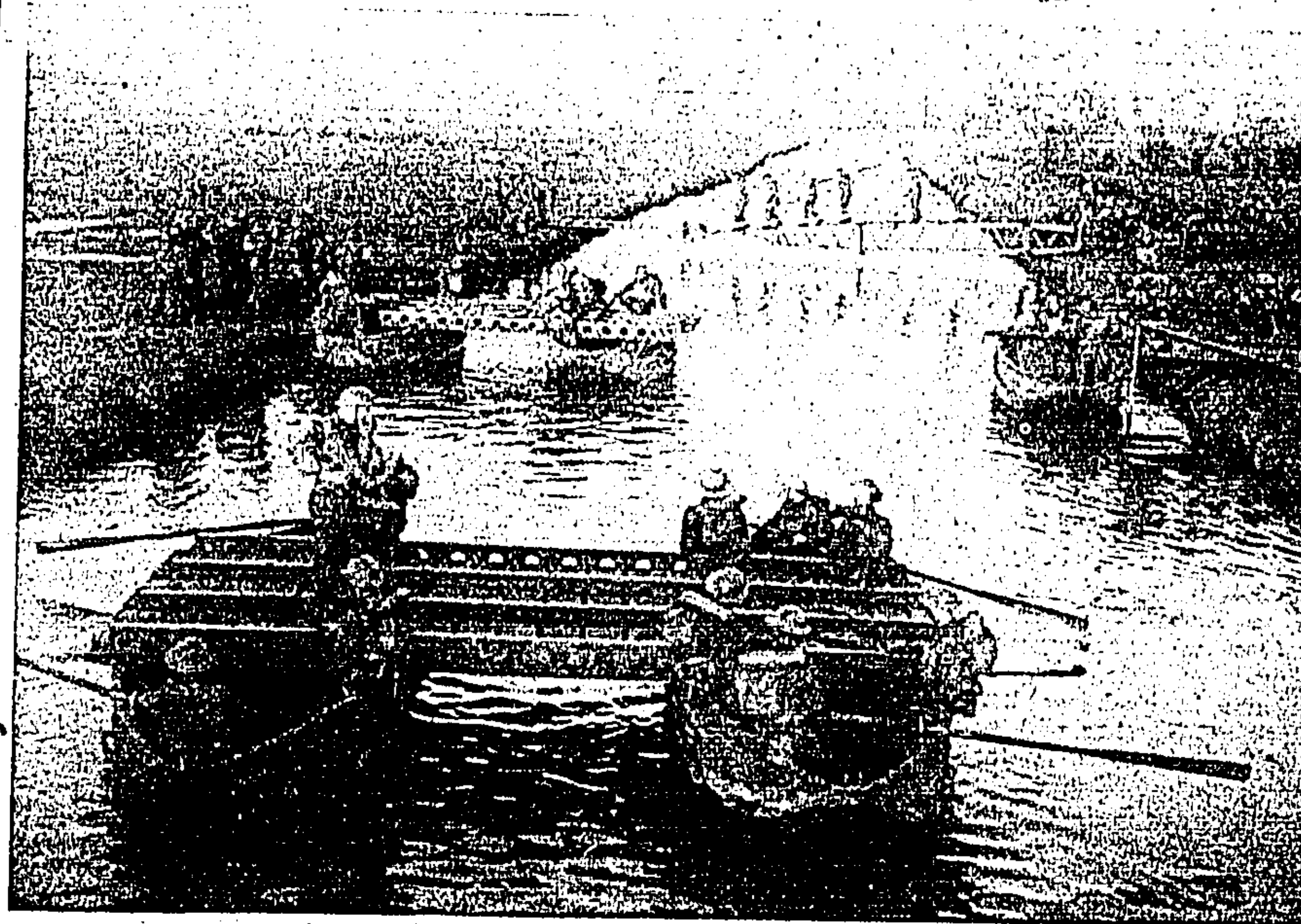
The "Herald-Tribune" predicts that nothing spectacular will happen until Matsuoka's return to Tokyo and while Berlin's decisions are not dependent upon Japan, the paper warns that if Matsuoka returns full of swagger and defiance, America will

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Further Late News

When Britain Becomes Invader

British troops at Home are constantly training for the day when they will invade German occupied territories across the Channel—the day that signals the final overthrow of Hitler. These two pictures illustrate this. In one Royal Engineers are rowing a section of a bridge into position, and in the other they are seen bringing up a section of a temporary bridge.



Soldiers Shoot, Kill Chinese

Challenge Unanswered

It is officially revealed that a party of Chinese who were behaving in a suspicious manner near a pill-box in a protected area in the New Territories on Saturday last were challenged by a military patrol.

The Chinese refused to reply to the challenge and turned and fled. The patrol endeavoured to capture the men but were forced to fire on the gang. One of the men was hit and he died later.

Subsequently another member of the gang was captured by the police. Tools which could have been used for breaking into property were found in the vicinity.

The military authorities point out that during recent weeks there have been a number of thefts of military stores from pill-boxes both on the island and the mainland.

The authorities are determined that these thefts shall cease and as a result a system of patrols at night time has been instituted.

SOVIET-JAPAN

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The main purpose of the visit of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, to Berlin, will be to discuss a possible Soviet-Japanese rapprochement, according to reports here.

Mr. Matsuoka is expected to leave immediately after the signing of the Thailand-Indo-China peace agreement which was scheduled for today but which has been postponed.

KING OF GREECE MAY ABDICATE

Sofia Reports On Balkans

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOFIA, Mar. 9 (UP).—It is understood here that the Germans want to give the Greeks a chance of evacuating Thrace, and because of this they will not hurry to cross the frontier.

It is also understood that the German Minister will call on the Greek Government on Friday. This will be his final attempt to secure Greece's decision.

Reports are circulating in certain informed quarters that King George of Greece will abdicate in favour of Prince Paul, or his brother, who would take over and name the ex-Mayor of Athens, M. Hagios as Premier, in order to make peace with Germany.

This move would complete the encirclement of Greece and would write *finis* to any armed British intervention in the Balkans.

What precisely are the terms offered to Greece is not known, but one well-informed source said that Greece would get recompense "elsewhere" in return for allowing Bulgaria an outlet to the sea.

Greeks Take Prisoners In Central Sector

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Athens radio last night confirmed that the Greeks captured more than 300 Italian officers and men during the last two days' fierce fighting in the central sector of the Albanian front.

The announcer added that the enemy by surprise and took the enemy by surprise and utterly paralysed the Italians.

This latest action is described in Athens as the most important action since the capture of Klisura.

It is claimed that although the Italian positions were situated on high ground, they fell to the Greeks one after another.

Japan Changes Balance Of Power In Pacific

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (UP).—The Foreign Policy Association, in a survey of Australia's military and economic position, declares that Japan's south-eastern expansion has already altered the balance of power in the Pacific.

However, the survey asserted that Australia was safeguarded to some extent for the present by the presence of the United States and Britain in the Pacific "only if they are determined to check Japan's southward expansion at all costs."

The report added: "Any defence arrangement would obviously involve far-reaching implications to both countries—the extension of the Monroe Doctrine far beyond its present confines, and the re-orientation of Australia's external relations."

"The rapid development of air transportation in the Pacific, including the regular Clipper service to Australia, offers a new opportunity for military collaboration as well as widened economic and cultural relations between the United States and Australia. Even if the North Pacific is made unsafe for the United States communications with the Philippines and other Far Eastern areas, the alternative provided would, not only the present Clipper service, but also a possible air route across the South Pacific by Clippers to the Marquesas, Samoa and New Caledonia."

SKIRMISHES ON THAI BORDER

Truce Violation Alleged

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Mar. 9 (UP).—A Thailand High Command communique issued to-day revealed that the Japanese Government had been informed that French troops violated the Thai-Indo-China armistice agreement at three points on the frontier last Friday and Saturday, which, claimed the communique, threatened the success of the Tokyo mediation discussions.

It was stated that there were three clashes on the border as a result of which two Thai corporals and one policeman were missing.

The communique alleged that a French patrol fired 100 shots across the Mekong River near Srichulengmai, Goposinx and Veinchnadn, but there were no Thai casualties.

At 10 o'clock on Saturday morning French troops advanced to Bang Chantaburi and opened fire against a Thai patrol, after which the Thai forces returned the fire and forced the French to retreat.

Two hours later a French patrol, armed with light machine-guns, attacked Thai police guards at Sannakapan, a few miles north-east of Bangkok. The reinforcements were rushed to the scene, forcing the French to flee.

The communique added that the Thai High Command noted with deep regret the lack of discipline on the part of the French forces.

War Weapons Week

London Plans Effort

LONDON, Mar. 9 (British Wireless).—The City of London, the City of Westminster, all metropolitan boroughs, the whole county of Middlesex and the Essex boroughs of East Ham, West Ham, Leyton, Ilford and Walthamstow will combine and hold a War Weapons Week simultaneously in May.

No objective has been fixed but attention is drawn to the large sums subscribed by provincial towns and cities.

Previously Raised

Liverpool, for instance, raised, £11,808,741, Glasgow £10,500,000, Edinburgh £10,234,053, Birmingham £8,145,148, Manchester £7,177,434 and Sheffield £5,017,104.

Last week's war savings total was £12,430,406, of which £4,767,791 were in savings certificates, £3,014,765 in defence bonds and £4,388,000 from increase in balance due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank and the Trustee Savings Banks.

The Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund now amounts to £2,240,000—and increase during the week of £30,000.

Britain Turns Down Plan

Food Relief For The Occupied Countries

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (UP).—The British Embassy to-day rejected the plan proposed by ex-President Herbert Hoover for the sending of demerit medals to the German-occupied countries. They said: "The relief of countries under enemy occupation would, whatever the conditions, merely postpone the day of victory."

VICHY, Mar. 9 (UP).—The French Press to-day carries headlines regarding the British Government's refusal to allow the steamer Exmouth to bring 300 tons of oat meal which is sorely needed for French children, who are practically the only strata in the French population to suffer physically from the food restrictions.

M. Laval's "Clermont Ferrand Monitor," reporting Ambassador Henri Hayes' unsuccessful intervention with Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to obtain authorisation for the Exmouth to pass the British blockade, carried a headline: "British blockade has no pity for French children and invalids."

TEA FOR HOME

Information has been received from the Secretary of State that it has now been decided that not more than 2 lbs of tea may be included in any parcel despatched from abroad to the United Kingdom after March 10, and that gifts of tea must in the future be consigned direct by parcel post. In addition the arrangements whereby exporters were allowed to consign tea, foodstuffs in bulk have been cancelled.

In other respects the instructions issued in the communique on this subject dated November 22, 1940 still hold good.

How Film Awards Are Decided

An insight into how the yearly awards made by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are decided is given in a special short feature film which will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, commencing to-morrow, together with "It All Came True".

Prize performances of the past 13 years as well as the best work done in other departments of film making, are recalled, as scenes from Award pictures are introduced. The film also shows the Academy dinner last year when the awards for 1939 were announced.

LUFTWAFFE OVER BRITAIN

—Few Raids

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Following the sharp German air attack on London last night, activity by the Luftwaffe over Britain in daylight to-day was on a small scale, according to the Air Ministry.

Bombs were dropped at a few points in the south-east shortly after dawn, and caused very little damage and no serious casualties.

Some damage was done by single aircraft which dropped bombs in eastern England in the afternoon. A few people were killed but the casualties were not numerous.

German aircraft are reported to have made a daylight sortie in formation on the south-east coast early in the day but appear to have dispersed and retired after meeting a terrific anti-aircraft barrage.

It was stated to-night that the R.A.F. destroyed 50 enemy planes last week over Britain, the Continent and the Middle East while losing 16 themselves.

Last Over U.K.

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Nine German aircraft were last over Britain during the week ended mid-night on March 8-9; one on March 2, three on March 3, three on March 4 and two on March 8.

All, except one, were bombers.

The British lost one fighter.

War Fund Donations

Bridge Drive Swell Total

A total of \$1,509,533.53 was reached at noon on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

Proceeds of 2 Springer Puppies (Mrs. Hagg)	\$10.00
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"S.S. Chicken Feed"	25.50
Jimmy's Kitchen Music Box	52.00
February 1941	70.00
Officers of the Traffic Dept. P.H.Q.	50.00
Captain J. Lassius	20.00
Hong Kong Women's International Club	100.00
Proceeds of Bridge and Club	600.00
Exhibition (Seventh Donation)	100.00
Chicago Club, Proceeds of old time and old newspapers	7.00
A.R.P./G.C.	2.00
Places	00.00
European Y.M.C.A., Proceeds of old time and old newspapers	24.53

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Society for the Protection of Children in memory of the late Mr and Mrs Fung Kwok-wo; Head Office and Hoek On Work Staff, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. \$21.

The following donation has also been received for the Society: F. S. Ko's Friends \$21.

EMERGENCY REFUGEE COUNCIL.
The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Emergency Refugee Council:

Sympathisers, (19th Contribution) \$10.

The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British War Relief Fund:

Capt. L. J. Lassius (February) \$20.

Malta Beats Off Nazis

Fate Of A Bomber

MALTA, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—A German Junkers bomber crashed and burnt out and the crew of four were killed in an early morning raid carried out to-day by planes intent on machine-gunning their targets.

Some damage was done to Government property.

Three other alarms were sounded to-day but in the words of the official communique, there "is nothing further to report."

No materialised last night after an alert was sounded.

Gayda Rants At America

Aid To Yugo-Slavia
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
ROME, Mar. 9 (UP).—Signor Gayda, writing in the "Voce d'Italia" on the reported offer made by the United States of military aid for Yugo-Slavia, says that American military aims are a threat to every neutral nation.

He says the offer is based on the supposition that Yugo-Slavia is politically stupid and points out that there is no route open by which the United States could send military aid to Yugo-Slavia if the Axis opposed it.

Damage In Norway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, Mar. 9 (UP).—A press message received from Oslo to-day said the main aqueduct was damaged on Friday night, flooding several streets and causing much material damage.

The police are investigating the possibility of sabotage.

PLENARY SESSION

Political Council Resolutions

CHUNKING, Mar. 9 (Central News).—After a nine-day session, the first plenary session of the 2nd Political Council was adjourned to-day.

Before its adjournment the Council adopted the draft of a manifesto to be issued in the name of the Council and elected 25 members to form a resident committee which will take charge of routine affairs during the recess.

A resolution provides for the increase of the production of vital materials for national defence, speeding up of the construction of the Yunnan-Burma Railway; improving of the transport, and marketing system; shipment of Hunan rice to relieve shortage; increase of land tax; stabilisation of commodity prices; simplification of the taxation system; inauguration of banking services by postal offices, and encouragement of Chinese and foreign investments.

Public Salaries.
Another resolution lays down three general principles for revising the salary scales for public functionaries: First, the salary scales for civil and military officials which are found at variance should be revised. Secondly, subsidies and allowances to different government offices and schools should be on a uniform basis.

Thirdly, the salary scales for public functionaries in various places should be revised in accordance with local conditions.

Other important resolutions passed include the formation of the various grades of people's advisory organs, strict restrictions on the imposition of transit duties on various services, improvement of control over the tung oil trade, establishment of more normal schools and universities in the frontier provinces, and training of more teachers for the promotion of secondary, normal and social education.

GIRL DETECTS THEFT IN BUS

Pen From Pocket

Seen by Miss Beatrice Cynthia Remedios of No. 1 Liberty Avenue, Hounstun, to take an allegedly stolen fountain pen out of his jacket pocket and drop it on the floor of a crowded No. 9 route bus yesterday, Chan Tat-man, 24, a musician, was arrested.

Chan denied a charge of theft of a fountain pen when he appeared before Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate to-day.

Mr Vincent Liu, Complainant, said that he was standing up on the bus which was crowded. Suddenly he felt someone taking something from an inside breast pocket of his jacket and on looking he found his fountain pen missing. Defendant was facing him.

Mr Liu said that subsequently he heard something being dropped to the floor and he discovered that this was his fountain pen. He did not actually see the Defendant dropping the pen but Defendant was the only one standing directly in front of him.

Girl's Evidence.
Miss Remedios said that she was also travelling on the bus concerned. She heard Mr Liu beckoning to the conductor to stop the bus and following this she saw the Defendant take a pen from his jacket pocket and drop it to the floor.

Defendant denied the charge saying that both his hands were above his head holding on to the support railings. He did not take a pen out of his pocket and drop it.

After he was convicted, Defendant admitted a previous conviction for larceny from the person.

Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and ordered to be given 12 strokes of the cane. In addition he was recommended for banishment.

Sergeant Gordon prosecuted.

East Asia Sports Meet At Hsinking

TOKYO, Mar. 8 (Domei).—Plans having fallen through for the East Asia Athletic Meet to be held in the Philippines Manchukuo has decided to hold a Meeting at Hsinking in September to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of Manchukuo.

Invitations to send their representatives to the Meet are to be issued to Japan, China, the Philippines, the Inner Mongolian Federated Autonomous Government, Thailand, French Indo-China, the Netherlands, East Indies, the Portuguese Island of Timor, the Hawaiian Islands and the South Sea Islands.

The events will include field and track, basketball, volleyball, football, baseball, tennis, softball tennis, rugby, bicycle races, table tennis, gymnastics, riding and aquatic contests.

Rugger Results

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Following were the results of Rugby matches played yesterday:

Union—Brigade of Guards 19, London 26; Marlborough 12, Aldershot 12; Harrow 10, Metropolitan Police 3; Bedford 10, Guy's Hospital 19; Gloucester 10, Birmingham University 12; Oxford University 10, Heston 10; Weston-Super-Mare 3, Bath 22; Rugby 6, Northampton 12; Exeter 12, Exeter 12; Rosslyn Park 3, Army XV 24; Middlesex Hospital 24, Old Blues 0.

League—Barnet 2, Mill Hill 11; Bramley 5, Bradford Northern 39; Carlisle 3, Dewsbury 14; Huddersfield 9, Leeds 3; Hunslet 12, York 9; Keighley 11, Halifax 5; Wakefield Trinity 6, Featherstone 0.

Friendly—Oldham 30, Leigh 0.

AID BRITAIN

Bill Will Be Law On Wednesday

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Lease and Lend Bill, which was dramatically passed by the Senate on Saturday, is expected to become law by Wednesday at the latest.

The House of Representatives is likely to record its acceptance of the Senate amendments on Tuesday, after which the Bill will be immediately placed before the President for signature.

Meanwhile reports are current in the capital that a three-year programme of aid for Britain, involving the stupendous sum of \$10,000,000,000, is being drafted as the immediate sequel to the Senate's approval of the Bill.

Washington Forecast

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—News of the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill came too late for editorial comment in most morning newspapers but radio commentators predicted immediate and effective action as soon as the President signs the Bill.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Journal-American" says: "President Roosevelt has prepared to speed aid to Britain by turning over \$1,000,000,000 worth of warships, freighters, aeroplanes, tanks, guns, ammunition, food and other supplies immediately after signing the Bill."

Emergency Basis

"Within a week, it is reported, he will ask Congress for \$5,000,000,000 in cash and \$5,000,000,000 in contractual authority for British aid."

"He may issue a proclamation placing the nation on an emergency basis as a step to speed up production for both national and British defence."

"It is authoritatively reported that the request for additional funds for British aid will be over and above the \$28,000,000,000 of the national defence programme."

Aid For Greece

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Greeks are looking "with confidence to the administrative speed for which American executives are rightly famed," said the announcer on the Athens radio to-night, commenting on the passage of the Lease and Lend Bill in the United States Senate on Saturday.

He added: "We are sure that effective material help for Greece in its struggle will immediately be forthcoming."

Speedier Ship Repairing

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—All British shipbuilding and ship-repairing yards have been placed under the control of the Admiralty to ensure the greatest possible output of new ships and speedy repairs.

The Parliamentary Secretary for the First Lord of the Admiralty emphasised the importance of shipbuilding developments in an address to a conference of the Labour Party yesterday.

Last year, he said, everything depended on production of aircraft. This year the problem was based on ship-building.

Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, said that an enormous task had been imposed on the Navy to maintain food supplies and war materials. "We must call on every man in the docks, shipyards or associated with shipbuilding not to wilt an inch."

ACCOUNTANT IN DOCK

Deficits Made Good

Chan Kam-kwong, 43, accountant, was charged before Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Central Magistrate this morning for embezzling, on March 8, \$277.70 from the Sun Sang Ming, Dairy Farm Co., \$811.92 from the To Chi Benevolent Society, and \$455.46 from the Charitable Delegation Co. Defendant was employed as a clerk or servant to the three firms at No. 50a Bonham Strand West, first floor.

Det-Sergeant Macdonald said that it was the custom of the three firms to entrust certain sums of money to Defendant. These sums of money were checked periodically by Chan Chi-man, 27, secretary to the three firms. On March 8 the secretary noticed that amounts were missing. The matter was reported to the Police, and Defendant was arrested on admitting the theft of the money.

Complainant asked His Worship to release Defendant since the money had been recovered intact.

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SHIPPING IN ORIENT

P. I. Plan Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (UP).—It is learned from unimpeachable sources that Senator Joaquin Elizalde, the Philippine Islands Resident Commissioner to the United States, has gone to the west coast to seek a solution of the shipping shortage and the freight rate increases which are represented as threatening Philippine-American trade.

It was learned that Sr. Elizalde went to San Francisco to confer with his friend Mr Henry Grady, President of the American President Lines regarding the situation and seek whatever pledges possible for assistance.

According to some versions of Sr. Elizalde's activities here, he told Mr Grady that the Philippine Commonwealth was critically concerned at the successive freight rate advances, the last of which was 15 per cent, and became effective March 1.

Co-operation Promised.
Mr Grady is alleged to have assured Sr. Elizalde of every possible co-operation and assistance and promised that he would seek to prevent any freight rate increases unless required by rising operation costs. Mr Grady advised Sr. Elizalde that the American President Lines were doing their utmost to get more boats on the Pacific run, especially to the Philippines, to meet the full trade requirements.

Most quarters believe that the Maritime Commission officials have a fairly clear picture of the needs of the Philippines and will seek to prevent any major hardship to Philippine interests.

BALKAN FEINT SUSPECTED

Watch N. Africa

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The unusual suggestion that Germany's activity in Bulgaria may be a feint to distract Britain's attention from Africa is made by the military expert of Stockholm's "Tidningen."

He says that the noise in the Balkans should not be allowed to divert attention from the German armoured troops in Libya and continues: "It is far from certain that the Balkan events really mean that the first step to attain a decision in the Eastern Mediterranean has been taken."

"Perhaps the German plan merely aims at misleading the adversary."

He declares that the British troops in the Mediterranean are of a high quality and extremely mobile. Mobility is made possible by Admiral Cunningham's command of the sea.

The writer declares that German designs on Suez cannot be attained by sea as she cannot seriously disturb his mastery by submarines and aircraft.

On land, the military writer concludes, the Germans may try to go by the Bosphorus, Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine, or they may try to push back the British from Crete.

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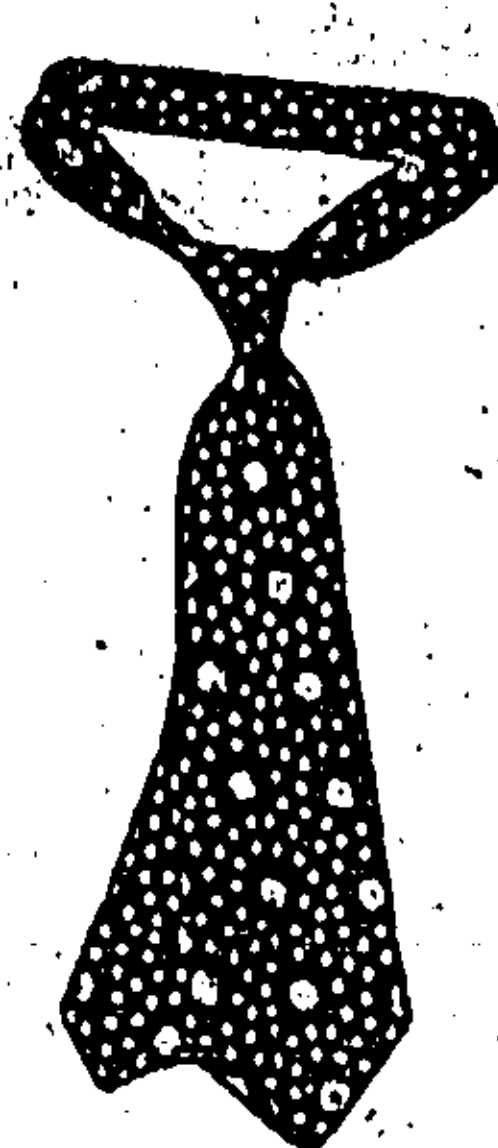
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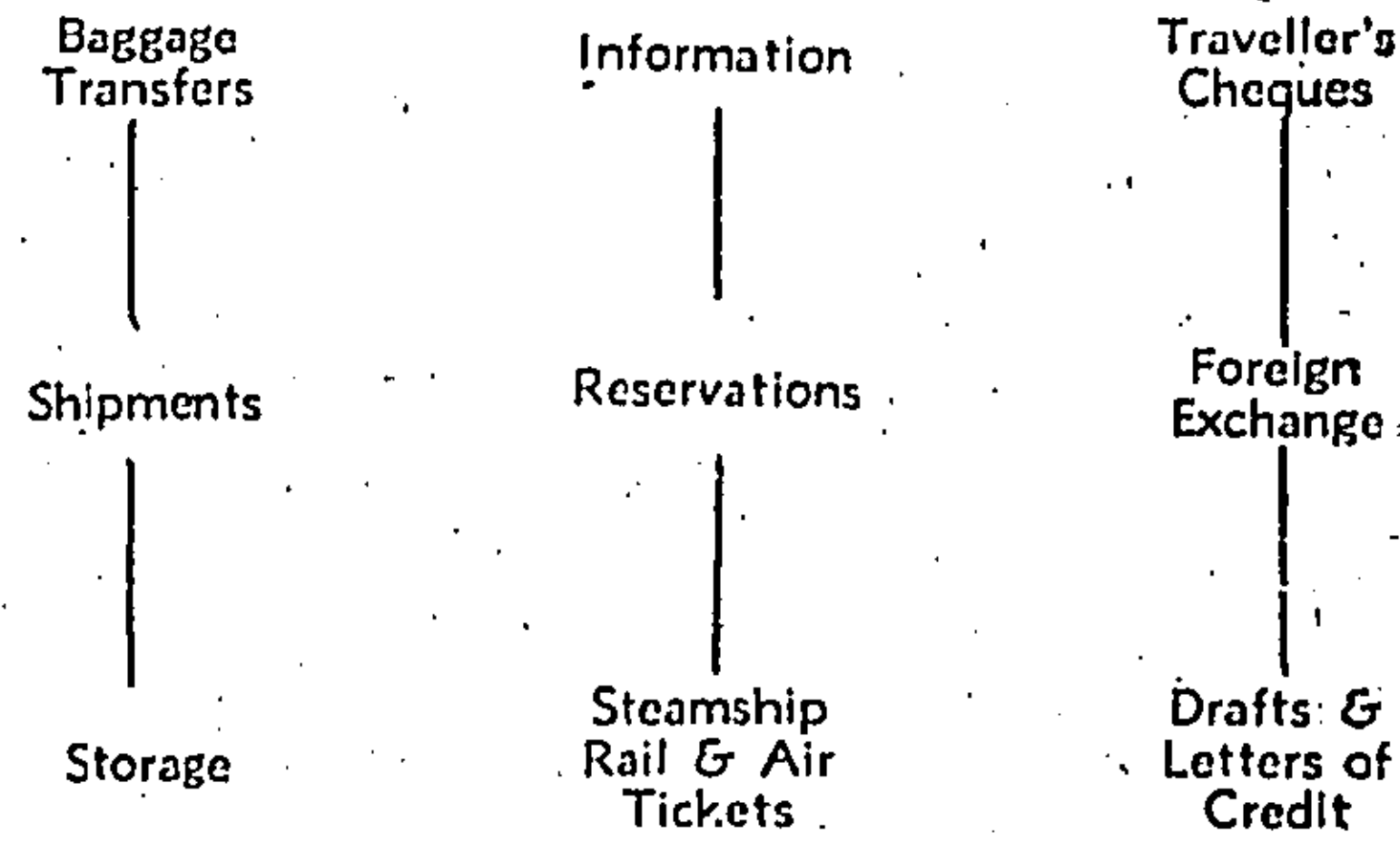
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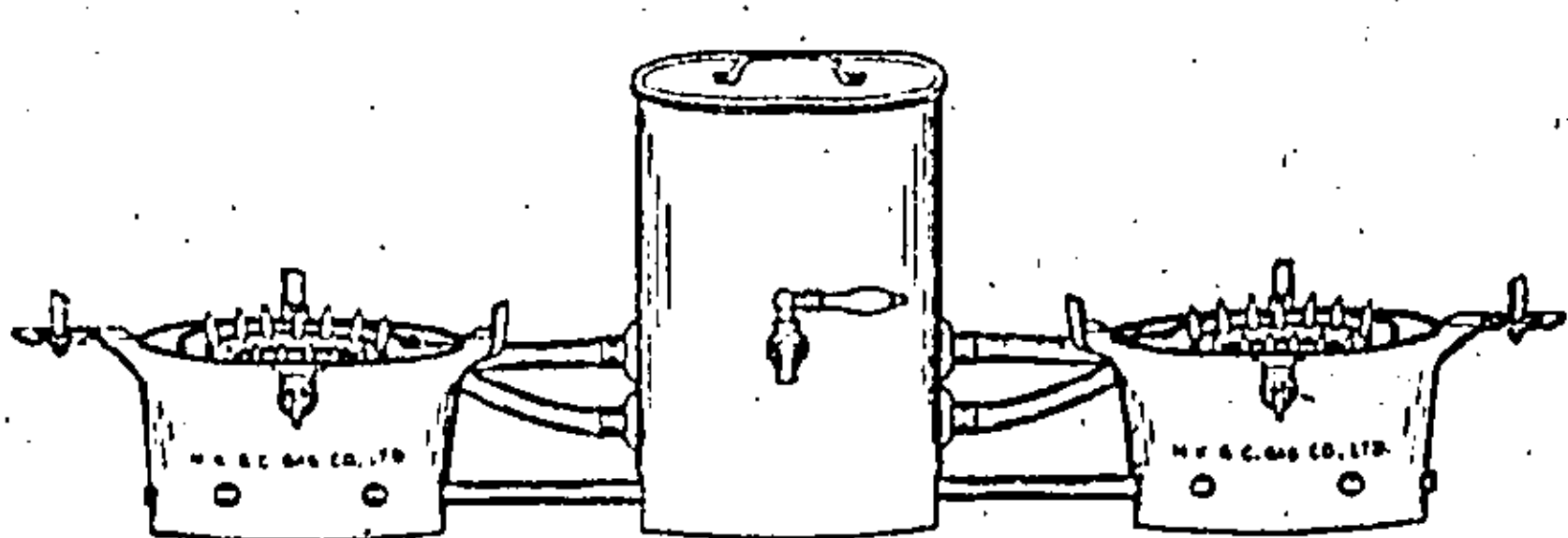
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American Naval Appointments

Washington, Mar. 8.

The Department of the Navy to-day announced 240 changes of duty, including a shake-up of the high commands of the Marine Corps in China, the Philippines and Guam, and changes of duty for 15 high-ranking Naval officers.

Colonel Samuel Howard, from San Diego, has been ordered to command the Fourth Marines at Shanghai, succeeding Colonel Dewitt Peck, who

has been given duty in the Department of the Navy.

Lieut-Colonel John P. Amos is to command the Marine Corps at Cavite in the Philippines, succeeding Lieut-Colonel Robert M. Montague, who has been appointed to the Central Recruiting Division at Chicago.

Colonel Allen H. Turnage, Commander of the United States Marines in North China, with headquarters at Peking, has been ordered to Naval Headquarters at Washington. His successor has not been announced.—United Press.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

South China Overwhelm Kwong Wah Championship Honours Brought Nearer: One Point in Lead

(By "SCRAMBLER").

A SODDEN GROUND AND A HIGH WIND were not conducive to good football, but South China and Kwong Wah made the most of it when they met yesterday at Caroline Hill, the Hongkong team winning by five goals to one. South China are now one step nearer to the Championship, with one more game to go, and one point ahead of their nearest rivals, Eastern.

South China were on the whole the better team, combining excellently in both defence and attack. They were superior in both departments, and it must be said that the losers played as well as was to be expected, but found that South China were just that shade faster than them.

South China's forwards were seen to good advantage when on the move, adapting themselves better to the conditions, playing the short passing game which was admirably suited to the heavy state of the ground. Both the wingers were given plenty to do, and Lee Tak-kee in particular had a very good day, sending across perfect centres, and at least three of the goals scored were to his credit.

Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, and Chow Man-chi gave the Kwong Wah's defenders plenty to do, and the crafty inside left delighted with some clever foot work. Lee Wai-long was very closely watched, and it was left again to his inside-men, Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi to do the foraging. All three had the wingers well supplied with first time passes.

The intermediate trio were again seen to the fore, breaking up many movements before they had time to become effective. The Lau brothers combined defence with attack, and Lam Tak-po did an admirable job as a third back, covering Tsang Chung-wan well. The right back did not appear to be quite himself, coming up too far afield. The Kam-hung was heads and shoulders above his partner, and raced across on many occasions to relieve when threatened on the left flank.

Of the two keepers, both had quite a busy day, and Tam Kwan-hon anticipated several dangerous shots which he turned over the bar. Lee Kwok-kee worked hard, but was unable to stop the shots that went past him.

Mediocre Halves

But for the sterling defensive work put in by the pair of backs, Chung Fai-lam and Leung Pak-wai, Kwong Wah would have undoubtedly gone under by a much heavier margin, as it was, the two of them broke up many a dangerous situation. The latter was unable to give Lee Tak-kee the attention he should, due to the faulty work of his front man.

Of the halves only Wong Wah-gay appeared able to do anything, being often seen in the thick of the fray, and although Lee Shek-yau was able to get past him on several instances, many of his runs down the side line were frustrated in the nick of time. Chung Kim-fai paid for too much attention to Lee Wai-long, and was unable to give his forwards much help, while Cheung Wing found that Lee Tak-kee was his master.

In attack, Kwong Wah's forwards were far too loose, being unable to get moving together, and much of the danger that went South China's way invariably came from the left where Wong King-chung was seen to good advantage. Without proper support, this clever winger had to go through on his own on many occasions. The rest of the forwards were either slow or backward in their stride.

Even Opening

The game started very evenly. Kwong Wah went to the attack, and Tin Yung-fat's shot was well handled by Tam Kwan-hon. Lau Fook-chuen was slow in his movements and when put through was robbed. Lee Tak-kee had bad luck when his shot was blocked by the defenders.

South China were doing more of the attacking and obtained the first goal through Chan Tak-fai, as Lee Shek-yau after dribbling the ball past several defenders quickly slipped the ball to him to go through and score from close quarter. Lee Wai-long when well placed was rushed off his feet, and closely following upon this he shot over.

The Kam-hung ran across to relieve Tsang Chung-wan when the latter allowed Wong King-chung to get past him, and Chan Tak-fai had bad luck when, going through, he slipped. Midfield play was the order of the day, and following upon a breakaway, Lee Yan-leung was given a golden opportunity to equalise, but after beating Tam Kwan-hon to the ball, he was thwarted by the mortification to see Tsang Chung-wan saving on the line.

Pressure was being kept up by South China, and Lee Tak-kee was sent away on several occasions, in one of which his centre across the goal line was taken advantage of by Lee Shek-yau, who beat Lee Kwok-kee with a fast grounder.

Second Half

After the change over, South China were in the ascendancy, and the good work put in by Kwong Wah's defenders kept their goal from falling further. However it was not long before, following upon an attack, Lee Tak-kee again centred beautifully across for Lee Shek-yau to crash the ball into the net. Following upon this, Kwong Wah went to the attack, and Lee Yan-leung made amends when he beat Tam Kwan-hon with a fast ground shot.

After this South China indulged in some clever football and had Kwong Wah's defenders on their toes. Chan Tak-fai put Lee Wai-long through for the latter to score his first and the

Badminton Schedule Altered

The Senior Division of the Badminton League has been decided, the winners being University "A" and the runners-up University "B". University "A" were never once beaten in the competition, while the "B" team won three out of six matches played. The other teams in this Division were Club de Recreio and Chinese Y.M.C.A., which finished in that order.

The Junior Division has not yet been decided. In the "A" Section, King's College is two points behind Chung Wah but with one match in hand, while in the "B" Section Kowloon C.C. and St John's are in the lead with the same number of points.

Open Championships

The Open Championships will start in the course of the week, and following is the programme:

THURSDAY (AT KING'S COLLEGE)

Men's Junior Singles—J. L. Anderson v. H. Weng-tai, 7 p.m.
Men's Senior Singles—S. Amplanavar v. P. K. Ho, 7.45 p.m.
R. M. Lang v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY (AT TAIKOO)

Men's Senior Singles—C. Au v. H. C. Men's Junior Doubles—F. and D. Kwok v. C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang, 7.45 p.m.
R. M. Lang and N. A. Beltrac v. M. Talan and H. Odell, 8 p.m.

One more entry for the Ladies' Doubles has been received, that was from Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White, of St Andrew's. The number of entries received for this event is now seven. At least eight are required before the competition can be held, and further entries will be gladly received by Mr. M. Talan, the Hon. Secretary.

Club's fourth goal, and after this, Lee Tak-kee sent across another of his perfect centres to enable Chan Tak-fai to head past Lee Kwok-kee, who made a weak attempt at stopping the shot.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choy, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-long, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

KWONG WAH: Lee Kwok-kee; Chung Fai-lam, Leung Pak-wai; Wong Wah-gay, Chung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Yung-fat, Lee Yan-leung, Lau Fook-chuen, Wong King-chung.

MUDLARKS IN ACTION



Action in the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side rugby tournament at Happy Valley on Saturday. The mud soon made players almost unrecognisable.—Ming Yuen.

Hockey Interport

Macao Beat H.K. 3-1

FURTHER ENTRIES FOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The start of the Colony's Tennis Championships, organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club, which was originally fixed for to-day, has been postponed. The closing date for entries was extended for a week to Saturday to enable some well-known players to send in their names. Among the new entries are Tsui Wai-pul, Tsui Yan-pul, Ho Ka-lau and Paul Kong.

It was learned from Mr. A. K. MacKenzie, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong C.C., that the draw may be made to-day and that the tournament will probably start next Monday, but nothing definite has been decided.

Following are the entries received for the championships:
Open Men's Singles: S. A. Rumlajn (holder), Capt. R. E. Guest, M. Pagh, R. R. Gould, A. Crawford, O. Rumlajn, I. M. A. Razack, Kenneth Lo, Lieut. Shields Goodman, H. D. Rumlajn, S. H. Ip, Tsui Wai-pul, Lee Wai-long, Wei Chung, T. C. Chiu, Okimasa Umetsani, W. J. Howard, S. Y. Tong, George Chiu, Pang Olin, Paul Kong, C. Lee, Ho Ka-lau, C. Hunk and E. C. Fincher; Tsui Wai-pul, Tsui Yan-pul, Ho Ka-lau and Paul Kong.
Open Men's Doubles: S. A. and H. D. Rumlajn (holders); Capt. R. E. Guest and B. Lay; F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling; M. Pagh and Lieut. Shields Goodman; H. R. Oxlade and Dr. A. H. Barwell; C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould; B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow; I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minn; Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming; C. Hunk and E. C. Fincher; Tsui Wai-pul and Lieut. Shields Goodman; Lieut. Shields Goodman and Lieut. Shields Goodman; Lieut. Shields Goodman and Lieut. Shields Goodman.
Club Handicap Singles: V. R. Gordon, D. S. Robb, E. R. Childs, G. W. Sewell, C. W. Sewell, H. J. Armstrong, Capt. R. E. Guest, M. Pagh, C. H. R. Oxlade, T. J. Gould, H. Van Leeuwen, M. A. Biersen de Haan, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, A. H. Barwell, A. K. MacKenzie, T. C. Monaghan, J. Sterling, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, A. H. Barwell, A. K. MacKenzie, T. C. Monaghan, J. Sterling, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, A. H. Barwell, A. K. MacKenzie, T. C. Monaghan, J. Sterling.
Club Handicap Doubles: V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair; H. C. D. Knight and Mrs. D. Dodwell; R. Price and Mrs. G. Ditzel; C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard; B. O'M. Deane and Miss J. Smalley; A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church; C. P. Charlton; A. K. MacKenzie and C. I. Bowker; Lieut. Col. C. O. Shackleton and Major G. F. Harrison.
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SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.
Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

TOURNAMENT RUGBY

Club Scores Eighth Victory

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB scored their eighth success in ten years on Saturday when they won the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Rugby Tournament, beating 8th Heavy Regt "A" 21-0 in the final.

Lady Grayburn presented the Shield to A. F. Walkden, Captain of the Club team, and included in the enthusiastic spectators were His Excellency Major General A. E. Grassett and Brigadier T. McLeod, Officer Commanding, Royal Artillery.

Club's overwhelming success was, in some respects, a great surprise, for it was not expected that the 8th Heavy would go under so easily. Main contributory factor, perhaps, was the brilliant play of H. D. Bidwell, Club back, while behind the scrum, Thomson, and in the forward line, Needham and Walkden, could do little wrong.

The ground was very heavy due to the rain. Club led 8-0 at half-time through Bidwell in two particularly fine tries. The first he gained through a dazzling burst of speed and touched down between the posts, and the second when he used the blind side and took a pass from Thomson to score in the corner. The first was converted by Thomson.

Rapid Scoring

Then just after the interval, Stewart scored between the posts for Thomson to again add the points, and though in the succeeding minutes Walkden all but went over again, two further tries were added in quick succession by Needham, one of which was converted by Thomson.

Surprise of the day was the facility with which the Club men were allowed to slip past the Gunners. Hook, Skipwith, Marsh and Richards—a formidable enough obstacle—were unable to deal effectively with the elusive Clubmen. Tackling was not impressive, and it was, perhaps, this department that the Gunners failed.

The following were the teams which took part:—
Club "A":—H. van Leeuwen, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. M. Thomson, C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden (Capt.), and R. E. Harrison.
Royal Engineers—Sgt. Jones, Cpl. Pickett, Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (Capt.), Sgt. Major, 1st Sgt. Davis and 1st Sgt. Shields.
Civil Service—A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.), J. C. Charter, T. O. Morgan, J. Redman, J. Hyman, F. Burford and E. W. Hackett.

Royal Scots "A"—Pte. Parnaby, Sgt. Stephenson, Capt. Patterson, Sgt. Neale, 2/Lt. Millar, Cpl. Sutherland and 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Capt.).
Bth S.A.G. Graton, V. G. H. Upson, R. Hutchison, L. J. Money, I. M. Macrae, R. G. Castleton (Capt.) and G. H. Godfrey.
8th Heavy Regt. "A"—1st/Lt. Richards, Sgt. Marsh, Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (Capt.), Cnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and L/Bdr. Turner.
Middlesex "B"—Pte. Thomson (Capt.), Pte. Wilson (39), Sgt. Sturdy, Pte. Samuels, L. W. Whithy (Capt.), Sgt. Burrell and G. Gillan.
Tamar & Small Ships "A"—Tel. Honywell, Tel. Paul, Tel. Carter (Capt.), A/Ldr. Tel. Bowden, S.B.A. Flynn, C.P.O. W. King and P.O. Wilson.

Earlier results in the quarter-finals and semi-finals were:

QUARTER-FINALS

Club "A" 0 Civil Service 0
R. Scots 0 R. Engineers 0
B & S 0 Middlesex "B" 0

SEMI-FINALS

Club "A" 11 R. Engineers 3
Tamar and S/S 3 8th Heavy 5
8th Heavy 3 B & S 0

War Cup Matches

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Results of the football matches played yesterday were:

War Cup Second Round (South).—Arsenal 5, Watford 0; Chelsea 3, Brentford 1; Leicester 1, Notts Forest 1; Mansfield 0, West Bromwich 2; Northampton 1, Tottenham 3; Queen's P.R. 4, Aldershot 2; Reading 0, Cardiff 1; West Ham 3, Southend 1.
North—Barnley 1, Grimsby 1; Blackburn 2, Manchester City 4; Middlesbrough 2, Leeds 0; New Brighton 0, Tranmere 1; Newcastle 4, York 0; Preston N.F. 2, Bolton 0; Sheffield United 3, Hull 1; Southampton 0, Everton 0.

South Regional League.—Crystal Palace 5, Millwall 3; Walsall 7, Stoke 3; Norwich 2, Fulham 0.

North Regional League.—Bradford City 2, Bradford 2; Burnley 4, Oldham 0; Chester 4, Blackpool 3; Crewe 2, Rochdale 1; Liverpool 7, Wrexham 2; Manchester United 7, Hury 3; Stockport 1, Chesterfield 0; Lincoln 4, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Halifax 4, Huddersfield 0; Rotherham 1, Doncaster 2.

Western Regional League.—Bristol City 7, Swansea 1.

Southern League.—Brighton 3, Southampton 1; Portsmouth 0, Luton 2.

Scottish Cup.—Celtic 5, Motherwell 2; Partick 4, Aldrie 2; Morton 5, Albion 2; Hamilton 3, St. Mirren 1; Falkirk 2, Third Lanark 2; Dumbarton 1, Rangers 1; Hibernian 3, Hearts 2; Queen's Park 1, Clyde 1.

Other matches.—Army 2, R.A.F. 2; Cambridge City 3, Cambridge University 1; Exeter City 4, Oxford University 1.

Combined R.A. XV

The following will represent the Combined Royal Artillery against the Combined Small Units in an Army League Units League match at Southampton at 3 p.m. to-morrow:

Lieut. Fairclough; Sgt. Marsh, Cnr. Keeble, Capt. Skipwith, L/Bdr. Richards, Capt. Hook, Cnr. Dobson; 2/Lt. Bonpas, 2/Lt. Wedderburn, 2/Lt. Underfield, Bdr. Mew, L/Bdr. Turner, Sgt. Major, 2/Lt. Edgar, Bdr. McDermott, Reserve, Cnr. Eastbrook, Cnr. Cook.

On Wednesday at 4.45 p.m. on the Club ground, the Combined Royal Artillery will play Club "A."

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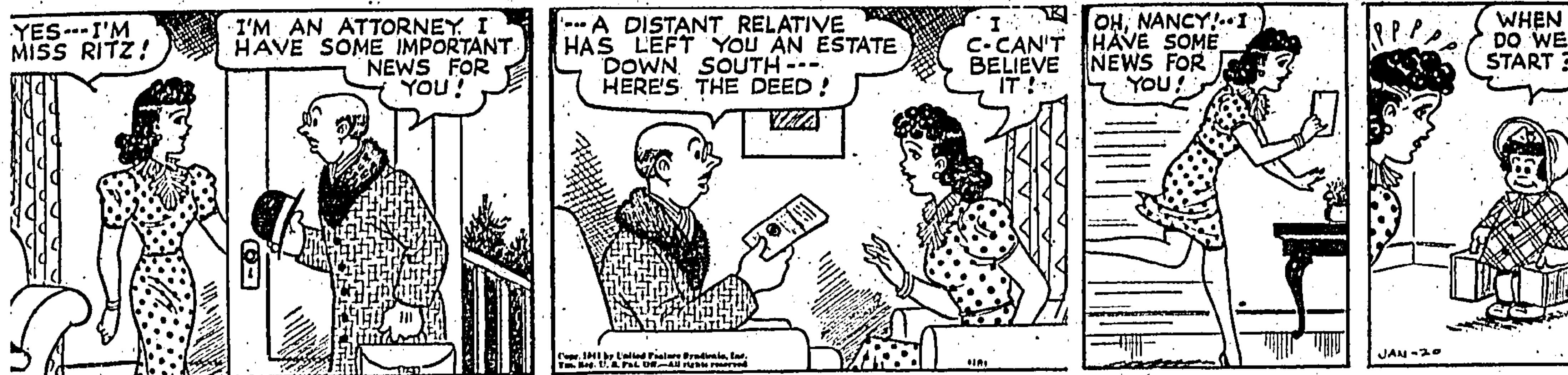


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Mme. Chiang Speaks To All Women of Free China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Speaking at the meeting in celebration of International Women's Day yesterday, Madame Chiang Kai-shek said that the occasion this year was marked with new hopes because the Democracies have all realised that aggression against any one of them is a menace to all others.

"China's appeal for unity among the Democracies," Madame Chiang declared, "is even more urgent than her appeal for aid to herself. The Democracies should concentrate all manpower and material resources to deal with the common menace of mankind."

Madame Chiang noted with gratification that the Democracies are now all sympathetic with China's cause and recognise China as their vanguard against aggression. She said that the Chinese women are particularly glad to learn that their sisters in other democratic countries understand thoroughly the significance of China's struggle and have full sympathy for her.

In this connection Madame Chiang mentioned that the American women have formed a committee to aid China. The participants are mostly popular women, including Mrs. Roosevelt, the first lady of the United States.

Part In Politics

Referring to the elevated political position of Chinese women since the start of the war, Madame Chiang said that there are 16 women members in the 2nd People's Political Council, and one woman member of the Presidium. She drew a contrast with the position of Japanese women who have practically no voice in public affairs.

Regarding Chinese women's wartime work, Madame Chiang stressed that they should hereafter play a more important role in economic warfare. She urged them to exert greater efforts in production, especially agricultural production, and in pushing the Wartime Bonds Campaign and the National Savings Campaign.

India Calls In Dollars Controls Aluminium

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has issued a notification calling on the owners of certain United States dollar securities to surrender them within a month from March 10 to the Reserve Bank, which will make payment when it is satisfied that the securities delivered are in an acceptable form.

Dividends received on such securities after March 10 will be the property of the Raj.

The Raj last July ordered the holders of dollar securities to supply particulars of their holdings to the Reserve Bank.

Allocating Stocks

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The Raj has assumed control of the sale and use in manufacture of the existing stocks of unmanufactured and semi-manufactured aluminium in order to ensure that they are utilised to the best advantage.

Holders of stocks are required to submit returns by March 31. It will be recalled that aluminium was subjected to import control last January in order to reduce pressure on the demand on the world's supplies.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	435
T.T. Singapore	82 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/8 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s India	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

Waterloo Road Accident

A. M. Xavier, driving car No. 4467, is reported to have knocked down a Chinese woman named Pnyu in Waterloo Road about 9 p.m. yesterday. The woman sustained a fractured arm and was sent to hospital. A four-year-old child was also involved in the accident, suffering from abrasions. The child died in hospital this morning.

Rome Issues Casualty List

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The latest casualty list issued by Italian Headquarters to-night gives Italian losses in North Africa as 68 dead, 98 wounded and 12,230 missing. The list states that on the Greek front the Italian losses were 2,380 dead, 4,841 wounded and 5,590 missing.

Spaniards Pay Attention To Lend and Lease Bill

MADRID, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—The United States Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill gets big headlines in today's Spanish newspapers.

Spaniards are now awaiting with interest to see whether there is any truth in the statements which had been given much publicity here earlier this year, that American help would come too late.

Also recalled is the categorical announcement by Goebbels to Spanish and other correspondents: "I affirm again that before the year is over Germany will finish the war. The attack on England will be carried out in an inexorable manner when the weather is sufficiently favourable."

These statements were given ever greater prominence by the newspaper, "A.B.C." than the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill but elsewhere this newspaper published an article in heavy type concerning Britain's formidable anti-invasion defences, thus giving perhaps an unintentional answer to Goebbels.

The same article says that thousands of life-belts have been distributed to the huge forces of German troops in North France who daily practise disembarkation exercises.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,350 s.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	75 n.
Chartered	85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	215 b.
Union	417 1/2 b.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	0 n.
Indo-China P.	80 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers)	43/8 n.
Waterboats	7 n.
MIXED	
Wharves	85 n.
Docks (old)	17.60 s.
Docks (new)	17 n.
Providents	5 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards	27 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	17/-
Raub	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel	3.40 s.
Lands s. d.	32 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh.	12 n.
Humphreys	0.70 n.
H.K. Realities	3.20 n.
Chinese Estates s. d.	0.08 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams s. d.	10 1/2 s.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	0.74 s.
China Lights (new)	1.97 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	41 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	40.80 n.
Macao Electric (Old)	17 1/4 n.
Macao Electric (New)	10 1/4 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 n.
Telephones (new)	0 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macg. (Ord.), Sh.	30 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.), Sh.	25 n.
Canton Ices	1 n.
Cement	16.00 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 1/2 p.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 n.
Watsons	10.70 n.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	41 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2%	97 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934)	95 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBDs.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/8 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/70 n.

Refugee Loses \$730 In Jewellery

Teng Ching-kang, residing at Hut No. 40 in the Matauchung Refugee Camp, has reported to the Police the loss of jewellery worth \$730. Among the jewellery were a platinum ring set with a diamond worth \$203 and a diamond bracelet worth \$200.

Chinese Deposits Coveted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". CHUNGKING, Mar. 9 (UP).—The People's Political Council today passed a resolution urging that the Government negotiate with the British and American Governments for the purpose of having British and American banks, turn over to the Chinese Government all deposits of Chinese nationals who would be reimbursed with Chinese war bonds. The Council also passed a resolution urging the Government to improve the administration of the Burma Road.

Defences Secure

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—"The defence of the French African Empire against any enemy has been made secure," states a communique issued after to-day's talks between Admiral Darlan and General Weygand at Vichy, says the Toulouse radio.

Weygand Reports On Defences in Africa

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuters).—Admiral Darlan, Vice-Premier in the Vichy Government, today gave a luncheon in honour of General Weygand.

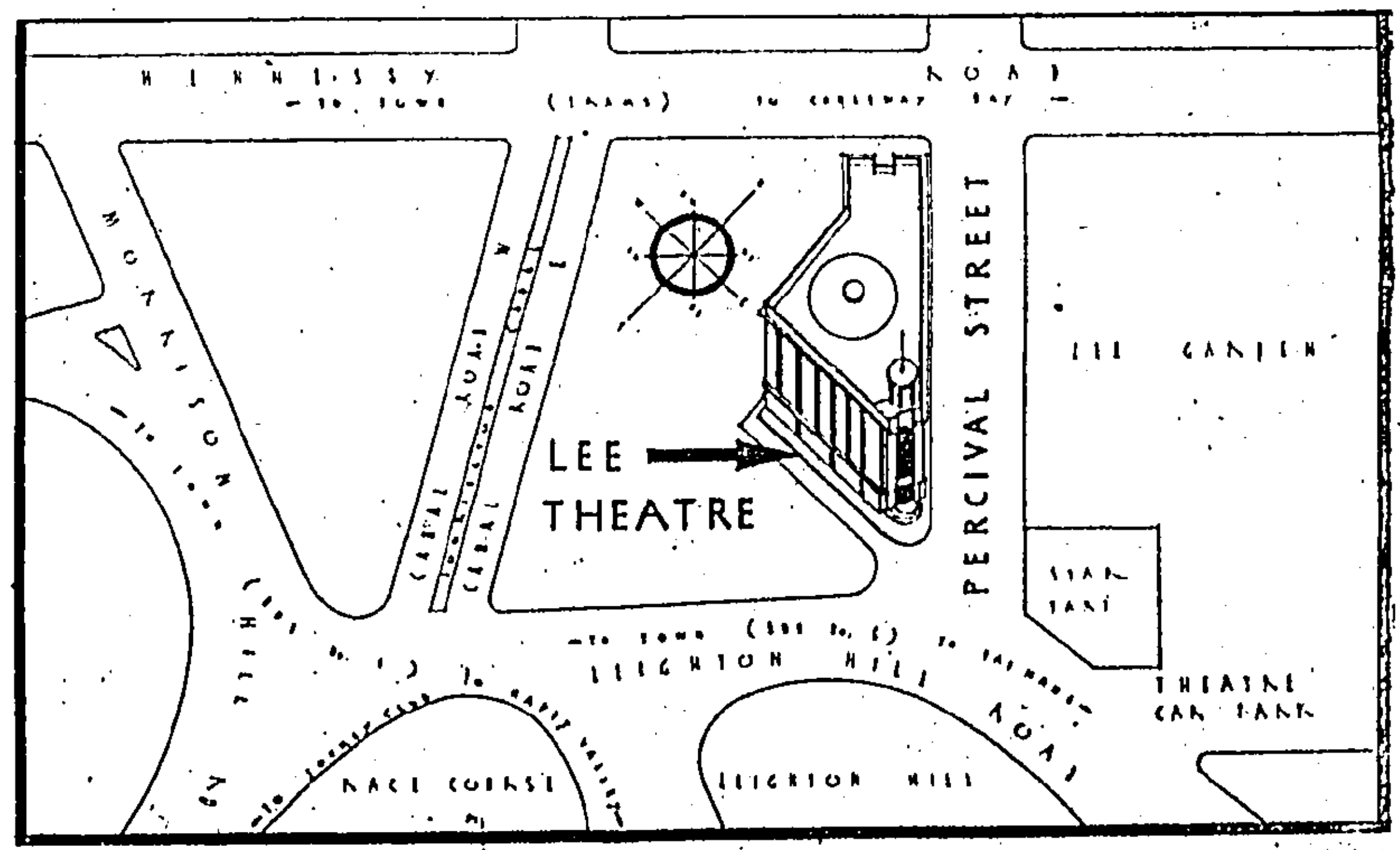
Admiral Darlan had just returned from Paris where he had been conducting conversations with the occupying authorities and General Weygand from North Africa where he had spent considerable time "inspecting" forces in the French Colonial Empire.

Describing the luncheon, the Toulouse radio states that General Weygand, the War Minister, Admiral Phelon, Minister for the Colonies, and General Bergeret, Chief of Vichy's Air Force, were present. After luncheon, political and economic problems in North Africa were discussed.

Dutch Bible Society Is Dissolved

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, Mar. 9 (UP).—Official news agency reports from the Hague say that the Chief of the Secret Police has ordered the dissolution of the International Bible Research Society (Bibelforcher).

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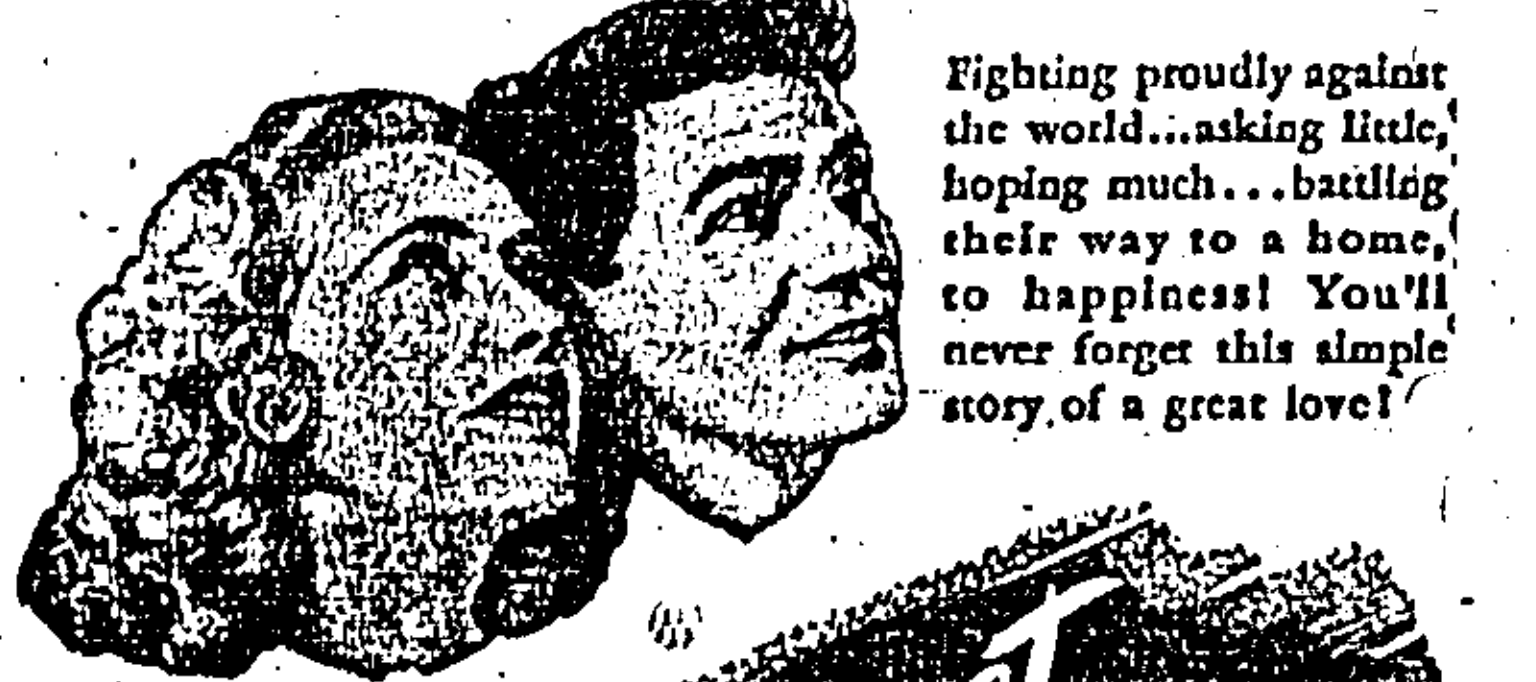
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Britain Needs 100,000 Women for War Work

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, made momentous announcements in north England to-day.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne he appealed for 100,000 women for war work, mainly shell-filling, even before the registration of women for such work comes into force.

Provision would be made for looking after the children of married women workers through Government financial aid and day nursery centres.

Later at Newcastle, Mr Bevin told a press conference that he was making another urgent appeal this week to men who had drifted during the depression to other industries to return to shipbuilding to take part in the Government's new drive for ships.

Finally at Ashington, Northumberland, Mr Bevin, commenting on the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill, said that the overwhelming force of American aid would break down the spirit of aggression.

It was also stated: "It was confirmed that in conformity with the commitments entered by Marshal Petain and within the framework of the Armistice terms, this defence will be energetically assured by the French forces alone against all aggressors."

Grand Hotel Opened

Eventful Day For Macao

The Grand Hotel, Macao, was opened yesterday by the Governor of Macao in the presence of all local notabilities and many from Hongkong. The proprietor, Mr Fuk Pong, had arranged travel by the train, and accommodation for the night at the hotel with all meals supplied, and many availed themselves of this lavish hospitality.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouson Chow were present at the formal opening which preceded a buffet lunch, and also at the dinner which climaxed an afternoon of dancing.

The hotel is the highest building in the Portuguese colony. It is decorated in the most approved modern style, the bathrooms, lighting and furniture being outstanding for comfort and convenience. The price is very reasonable indeed.

Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Mr George W. Rendel, the British Minister in Sofia, and the Legation staff, are leaving Sofia for Istanbul by special plane to-morrow, according to an official Yugo-Slav news agency.

The diplomatic representatives of Poland, Belgium and Holland left to-day and the majority of the nationals of all four countries have already left Bulgaria, the announcer added.

Black-out preparations in Sofia are so far advanced that they will probably be put into effect on Monday after the departure of Mr Rendel.

Fan Tan On Peng Chau

For playing Fan Tan at Wing On Street, Peng Chau Island, New Territories, on March 8 Li Wah-hi, 19, Lau Po, 25, and Chau Mui, 25, all Shan and unemployed, were discharged with a caution when they appeared before Mr S. F. Balfour at District Office, South, Court this morning.

A sum of \$146 picked up by the Police when Defendants were arrested, was given to the Poor Box.

Relating to the keeping of a dangerous dog, the summons against Mrs V. N. Alenza of No. 13 Hankow Road, was dismissed by Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's Court to-day owing to the absence of the Complainant, Sergeant E. McDermott.

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SHIPS, PLANES FOR BRITAIN

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The United States will turn over any considerable number of warplanes now in the United States service, as it would interfere with the United States Far Eastern policy which depends largely on the availability of a superior air force.

Nevertheless, as the law provides authority for the immediate transfer of \$15,000,000 worth of supplies now on hand, it is believed that the Administration will avail itself of this authority and strengthen Britain immediately where Britain is weakest—in the air and her sea transport with other nations.

It is believed that there will be little opposition to the immediate transfer of available merchant tonnage. The possibility also looms that there may be additional transfers of destroyers.

Super Agency
Congressional sources predicted that President Roosevelt would establish a super-agency to co-ordinate aid to Britain, Greece and China both with United States defence needs and foreign policy.

It is pointed out that the present special agencies dealing with defence production deal mainly with planning and accelerating production facilities to their capacity.

The new agency needed will be responsible to the President to furnish the maximum aid for the Democracies while constantly considering the problems of international strategy as well as domestic policy.

Informal circles predict that President Roosevelt's emissary to London, Mr Harry Hopkins, will be the central figure of such an organisation, other members of which will be the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War and Navy, whereas Mr Cordell Hull will represent foreign policy, Colonel Stimson and Colonel Knox, naval strategy, and Mr. Hopkins social idealism as well as a first-hand concept of Britain's needs.

President Roosevelt and other Administration spokesmen to-day refused to disclose specific plans until the Bill is finally enacted.

Possible British Collateral

The new agency will be required to decide both what materials should be sent and on what terms. One Administration source disclosed to the "United Press" that Britain western hemisphere collateral with the exception of real estate as a security against which the United States will send materials without regard to specific arrangements, price and value which will be left to later negotiations.

The agency, it is believed, will provide a channel for the United States output to be distributed to the Democracies in such amounts and in the directions which can best implement the grand strategy of the United States policy.

LATE NEWS

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have good reason to brace herself for trouble.

The New York "Times" says that the importance of Mr Matsuo's trip relates to Moscow and Berlin. He hopes to get an assurance through Germany that Russia will not make trouble if Japan pushes on towards the South Seas. The "Times" adds that the United States will be discussed, but while Hitler would like a Pacific war, it is possible that Matsuo will not be enthusiastic in talking on American just for the benefit of Germany.

Hitler may put over a heavy sales talk of a spring offensive against Britain, urging Japan to take her chance in the South Seas, but Matsuo's prospects are clouded by the attitude of Russia and the United States.

The "Times" is convinced that since Russia is helping China to fight the Japanese, she might help more if Japan is busier at a greater distance, because it is doubtful what assurances Hitler can obtain from Stalin.

A.R.P. Shelters Available

The Air Raid Precautions Department has had made a number of modified Anderson Shelters and these are now available for supply to the public. Experience of recent air raids in Great Britain has proved the value of these Shelters as protection against high explosive bombs. They are suitable for erection in small gardens or backyards.

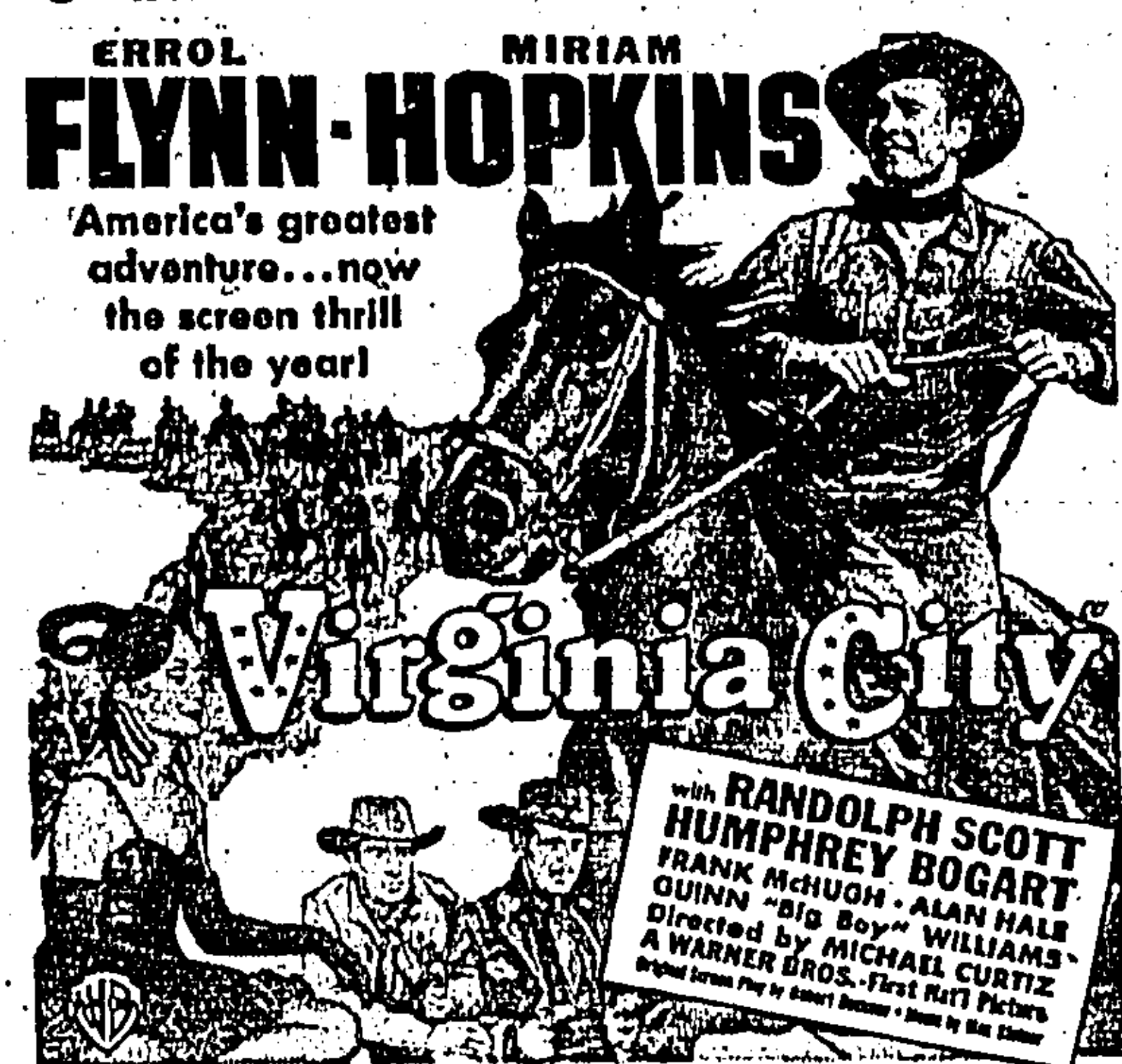
The modified Anderson Shelters will be supplied to applicants at cost price, which is \$148 each for a shelter capable of holding six to eight persons. This price is exclusive of transport from the store to the purchaser's address, which must be borne by the purchaser himself, but a book of instructions will be provided free with each Shelter.

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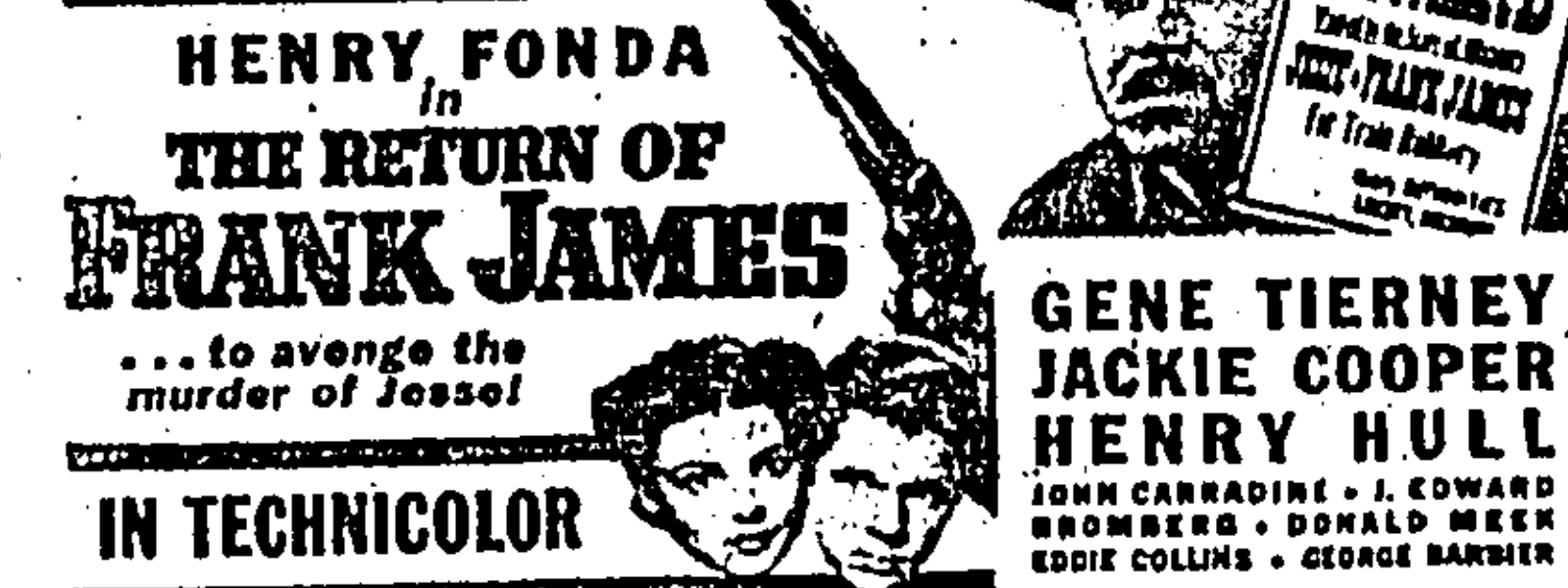
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